



Meshing Gears

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6:45-7:30-Arrival & Welcome (wear a name tag please).

Bring 'your stuff' for our 'Green Table'

7:30 Business Meeting

- Report on Club Holiday Party – Helen Chezem
- Club “Enthusiasts of the Year” for 2010 – Mike Ruane announcing
- Trip to “America on Wheels” Museum – Kathy Maas
- Dues for 2011 – Time to Pay Up – Karl Marx
- Lake Tahoe 2011 Anyone ? BIG Five Year MG Gathering

“Tires & Related Items” For Your Car –

Bill Bloomfield of Euro-Tire in Fairfield

Break – Good Eats

“Introducing Our Members” – Robert Knecht

FREE Raffle of Good Stuff (November Birthdays)

Clean up and safe trip home – out by 10:00PM

NOTE: The club provides some items for the “Free Raffle”, but we also suggest members donate at least one item for it – once a year – the month of their birthday. **January Birthdays** step up! Automotive is nice, but anything your buddies might like is appreciated! Please put your name on the items(s) you donate – Thanks!

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

Car Tires & Related Items for Vintage Cars Bill Bloomfield of Euro-Tire, In Fairfield, NJ

Bill will talk to us about tires and the many related items you should know about. He has years of experience dealing with tires and sports cars and MGs. Choosing a tire is your first decision. But then there are also the rims or wire wheels, which on vintage cars can be a problem from years of whacking pot holes and curbs, plus rusting. Then they have to be properly balanced. Special caution if you have wire wheels – many shops can’t handle them! Tire alignment is also critical for proper handling and wear. What about “caster and camber”? Throw in things like your shop having the right and latest equipment to do the job properly,

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Upcoming 2011 Events

***Meetings at
VFW Post 3401,
45 Tabor Road,
Morris Plains, NJ**

2011 Meeting Dates

**1/25, 2/22, 3/22,
4/26, 5/24, 6/28,
7/26, 8/23, 9/27,
10/25, 11/22**

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Contribution to the newsletter?

Send it by the 10th of the month to:

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Letter From the President

Greetings, from a cold and windy Westwood!

January has always been a month full of contradictions for me, as far as my MGBs are concerned. I have usually received a gift certificate or two as Christmas presents, and a number of the parts vendors like Moss Motors or Victoria British, and even The Roadster Factory are having sales. I peruse the catalogs, make my orders, and wait for the UPS or mailman to bring me my packages.

When they arrive, I open the boxes, like a little kid at Christmas. I look at the parts, and in my head I can already see them on the cars. I get them home, put them in the garage, and wait for the weekend. And when a weekend in northern New Jersey arrives, in January, it's usually cold, and this year, snowy. So I try to do what I can – a little electric radiator, a heavy sweat shirt, and gloves, and a hot cup of coffee. I can get some work done, but I really want the spring to arrive.

And this year, while we wait for the warm working and drive weather to arrive, we have a number of activities for the club to keep our interest. It looks like we'll have a visit to Mini of Morristown. There was a trip out to Road America in Allentown. Greg has lined up some good guest speakers for our meetings, and we're planning for Britfest on May 7, a Kimber Run later in the year, as well as other events like one coming up in Tanglewood, Mass.

So, I hold on to hope and wait for the thaw to begin. I know it's coming, and I'm gonna be ready for it when it shows up.

One last note – we're having new club badges

made up. Denis Nelson has been running this project, and he's given us the final design and price. I don't have any badges yet for my car; this will be my first. And my second – I can put one on the GT as well. Hmm – maybe I can get one for the 79B as well...

I hope to see you all at this month's meeting. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please bring them by so Karl can settle his books.

Happy Motoring!

Mike Ruane

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Keep your newsletter coming and your membership info (e-mail, postal mail, telephone, MGs, other information) up to date. Please Contact Ken Wittel with any changes, corrections, or updates, at: 973-228-2922, ewittel@comcast.net, or mail to: 130 Fairfield Ave., West Caldwell, NJ 07006.

Note from the Editor

Hello all!

Once again I am late with the newsletter. The holidays were a very busy time in the Ruane household. After the holidays I injured my back and did not spend anytime sitting at my computer at home. Sitting was not comfortable.

Luckily for me, my doctor is very skilled at his job and I am feeling much better. I hope when I finish the course of steroids, I will still feel as good.

Things are back to normal– for the most part and we don't have any immediate trips planned– so there is hope for an early edition next month!

As for Mike telling people I don't like the GT– well, lets just say I like the other cars better and I think the rusted out Sprite is laughing at me whenever I have to dig my car out of the snow.

Cheers,
Nancy Ruane,
Newsletter Editor



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A Vintage Good MG Year - 2010

This past year our club had many enjoyable "Meeting Programs" as I reflect on it, and as you will recall. Not only the many special presentations, but the members talking about themselves, our "**Green Table**" and all the treasure which showed up on it, and the friendship of each other along with some yummy snacks, as we chatted with each other at our monthly meetings. I'm looking forward to more meeting programs for 2011, and as always would appreciate your suggestions for them on what you would like to have. For our January meeting, I tentatively have Bill Bloomfield from Euro Tire who will talk to us about "Tires" – always a subject of interest. Remember, old MGs never die, "they just get **re-tired**"!

I know your MG is probably put away for the winter now, but start thinking about getting it ready for 2011 activities. Need to order any parts for it – start getting them. Will it need any service or repair – start laying plans for it now. Is your insurance for it in order? When that first sunny day arrives in springtime, you'll want to be ready to roll. There are already many exciting MG and car events popping up on the calendar for next year, and I'm sure you will want to participate in some of them. Of particular significance to me, will be the Lime Rock Historic Festival vintage races on Labor Day weekend, where MG will be the featured marque, and the MG Vintage Racers will be celebrating their 30th anniversary. I founded MGVR in 1981 – hard to believe 30 years have flown by! They are expecting 60 to 80 racing MGs to participate, and lots of street MGs to come too! Think about going to it!

I also want to extend a special thanks to all of you who volunteered your time to help make our MG club such a great club this past year, with all of its activities. They don't just happen by accident. If you weren't able to help this past year, please make the effort to step up to the plate and volunteer to help with something for the new year – it can only make our club – and your enjoyment of it – better. Don't know how you can help – just let our Prez Mike Ruane know you're willing to help with something, and I'm sure he'll line you up with something to help with. It has been great to have you as my MG buddy, as we share in our enjoyment of things MG!

All the best to you and yours in the NEW YEAR!

Greg Prehodka

Meeting Programs



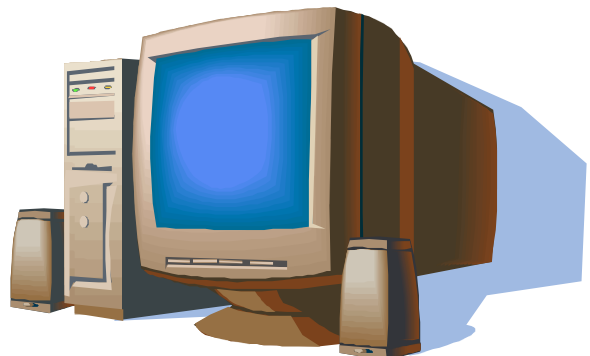
Gary Perrault sent a video of the proper way to adjust your car's mirrors. It was really thought provoking and we wanted to use it. Please take a minute to watch this link. Who knows– it may save your life!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwzUE6PHk4U>

Mickey Walka sent this about a car movie you cannot miss!

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=WbN_BAn55a4&pop_ads=null

Thank goodness for Youtube!



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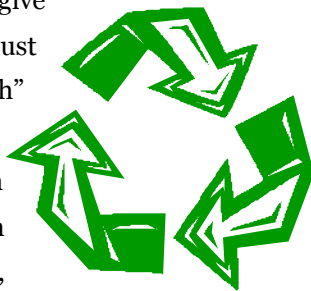
the skill of the people there, and how well they deal with customers. **Euro-Tire** has been serving sports cars and MG owners in our area for many years. Come hear from an expert in this area, and ask Bill your questions. Check out Euro-Tire at their web site: <http://www.eurotire.com/>

Bill about himself: *“I grew up in a family that owned five MG's, and Triumphs. My first car was a VW Beetle when I was twelve. My father, brothers and I made a Dune Buggy out of it when I was fourteen. It has since been restored by my son and I it is pictured on our website. Last July I obtained a 1977 MGB, which I used as a daily driver until the weather got cold. My brother, who is my partner and I have worked at Euro-Tire for over thirty years. Sixteen years ago we purchased the company. We have always prided ourselves on caring for customer tire, alignment and suspension needs, It doesn't mater if the vehicle is a new car, race car, or someone's treasured antique. We spend the time to make sure every job is done correctly.”*

MG “Green” Table

Do your “Winter Cleanout” of “Un-loved” Items!!

Our way to “Recycle” stuff related to our hobby *and other “good stuff”* you might have. Car stuff always welcome, but take a look around your house for those items collecting dust or hidden in your closets that you don't want or need anymore that others might appreciate. We all have stuff like that! Plus bring in anything else you're willing to give away for “Free” (*my favorite price!*). Just put your stuff on the “Green Table Cloth” where froggy resides, and let others help themselves to your treasures. Can you get “samples” of any products from where you work? Magazines, car parts, tools, car literature, models, hardware, manuals, books, videos, photos, posters, and *other “Good Stuff” – whatever!* Who better to share your unwanted treasures with than your MG buddies!



THE REGALIA SHOP

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Time To Let It Go !

By: Greg Prehodka

When anyone offered me their extra or unwanted car parts, I couldn't refuse them – especially if they were British car parts! I'd buy car stuff when it was a good deal just to have 'extras'. You never know when you might need that extra starter, carburetor, transmission, or whatever. At the vintage car races, where I raced my MGTD, I'd get extra event posters, and now they are just collecting dust. Over 30 years of posters – I could wallpaper my house with them! I never seemed to be able to say "NO" to car stuff - even for a "Free Car" – like when I got a free Morris Minor! I'm also addicted to tools and have accumulated too many over the years, - more than I would ever need.

How many extra screw drivers, wrenches, or sockets did I really need? I've even purchased some specialty tools, just in case I might need them, that I've never used! I've been fortunate to get some "free stuff" from places I've worked at over the years resulting in my having more hardware than I'll ever use. And why did I save all those old used car parts that I'd never really need - like whitworth nuts and bolts, valves and valve springs, miscellaneous electrical components, suspension parts and more? Boxes of them! I've accumulated stuff as I had space for it. In my house, garage, yard, and even my mother in law's garage! It became just *TOO MUCH* - an anchor on my life!

As the years crept up on me, project cars were not even getting started, never mind getting completed, and I finally realized that "*Less would be Better*", as I was nearing retirement. I wanted to spend more time driving my MGs, going to car events, and helping run car clubs, instead of working on project cars and dealing with my accumulation. My car restoration dreams just weren't going to happen! And the thought of ever having to move to another home with all my stuff, just plain *scared me!*

So my philosophy changed. I started downsizing my "Car Stuff". The first step – *and one of the*

hardest – was to identify what could go and what I really wanted to keep. I'd repeat this process many times. Do I really need it? Is it replaceable? Is it worth saving? Not always that easy to let go of your security blanket! How many back-up starters did I really need – if any? Then, how to dispose of it. It has been easier to accumulate stuff than to get rid of it.

First I evaluated the big items. Too many project cars that just were never going to happen. I sold my '58 Turner, two A.H. Sprites, '70 Datsun 240-Z (*which I owned since new*), and a basket case MGTD, for what I could get. At least it freed up some room for me to move around in my garage and it put a few bucks in my wallet!

Today I'm down to just my MGTD vintage racer, and a street MGB - both in running order. At our MG Car Club - Central Jersey Center monthly meetings, we have our "Green Table". Members can put "anything" on it they are willing to give away for "free" to other members. Mostly car stuff, but not necessarily. A special way to "recycle" items between friends. If nothing else, the unpredictable variety of items that show up on this table always make for interesting conversations.

Every month, I took in some of my stuff for it, and still do. Others were happy to get my items, as they became part of their stash now – not mine! Extra tools, car parts, hardware, car memorabilia, posters, car magazines, etc. I've saved too many car magazines since the 1960's. Boxes and boxes of them! Why did I ever keep them all? Then I've just given some items to friends who could use them. I've also gone to some British events with car flea markets. I would load up my van with what I thought I could sell, spend a day trying to sell it to people who wanted it at bargain prices, and then spend another day putting most of it back to where it came from. I'd be lucky to make enough money to cover my expenses, but at least it provided a fun day of chatting with others, and at least I would get rid of a few items.

I have welding equipment and can do metal working, so I've accumulated various steel

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MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre

Membership renewal Form (check off which is applicable) New Member Renewal
Please fill in the information below. Present members renewing you membership need only provide new information to bring our records up to date. (i.e.: change of address).

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E-mail address (if applicable) _____ Occupation _____
(confidential) _____ .If a new member, how did you hear about the club?
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Year _____ Make/Model _____ Color _____ Comments _____

Year _____ Make/Model _____ Color _____ Comments _____

Year _____ Make/Model _____ Color _____ Comments _____

Other Club Affiliations (please list) _____.

What might you be interested in doing for the club on a volunteer basis)?

Driving Events/Rally Chairman

Britfest committee

Newsletter

Web Site / E-mail management

Tech Session / Organizing

Publicity

Regalia

Other

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pieces over the years just in case I ever wanted to build something. It rarely happened! I accumulated a LOT of steel that I got for free from places where I worked, and from friends! Last year, I took over 2,000 pounds of it to the scrap yard. I want to get down to just one complete set of tools - well maybe 2 sets of certain ones. I have so many duplicate and triplicate and more - but the challenge is to know just what I have, sort them out, and decide what I want to keep. They are unorganized and located in many different places.



What else amazes me is that I have some stuff that I can't even tell you where it came from or why I have it! Why do I have a 850cc BMC A series engine? I don't know, plus I have no use for it! As I reflect on all my stuff, I wonder what would happen to it if I kicked the bucket today? It is very likely my wife could not be bothered dealing with it and she would just pay someone to haul it away or trash it. So, for those things not that dear to me, I'd like them to go to those who would appreciate them or could use them. I've had my MGTD since 1967 and have been vintage racing it since 1977. It will stay with me to my end, and then it will become my daughter Rachel's, as she also races it now. It is part of me. But most everything else is open for re-evaluation. And think about it - maybe it is time to let go of some of your stuff too, while YOU are still in control of its destiny!

But what I will hold on to dearly are the many MG and car "Memories of my lifetime". My first set of wheels was a '65 Sunbeam Alpine in

1967. I've lost count of all my cars since then (mostly British, and many MGs), and all the car events of my life's journey. My most significant ongoing car adventure has been vintage racing my MGTD since 1977. So many wonderful life-long memories of cars and friends, which I could write a book about! And I've promised myself that some day I will find the time to sort through those many boxes of photos that I have accumulated from my car events over the years, and put them into photo albums!

(Thanks Greg!- NR)

Bits 'N Pieces

Some of you may be faithful listeners to the NPR weekly radio show, "Car Talk" with Tom & Ray Magliozzi -- also known as "Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers". Then again some may have never heard of this pair who have been giving automotive repair advice on their one-hour weekly program for more years than I can remember (actually, since 1977).

The show which was broadcast last Saturday morning (12/11) on WNYC, fm 93.9 MHz at 10 o'clock, included a call from a gentleman named Jack who had purchased a 1970 MGB. In 1976 it blew a head gasket. He parked it in his garage -- where it languished and deteriorated for about 30 years -- always intending some day to repair the motor and restore the rest of it. (Sounding familiar, anyone?)

When the local civic association sent a letter saying the eyesore had to be disposed of, he promised his wife that he'd sell it. However, he did not.

Click on this link:

<http://www.cartalk.com/Radio/WeeklyShow/online.html>

to bring up the internet page where all the segments of last Saturday's program are listed. Then click on "Segment 9: -- Jack's MGB: The truth may set you free-- from your marriage." to hear the rest of his story and the solution (& happy outcome) to his dilemma as it was broadcast live on Saturday.

Best to all ,
Walter

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**Remember: Old MGs never die,
they just get “Re-tired”!**

Introducing Our Members

Robert Knecht

Come find out Bob's connection between MGs and Lime Rock Park in 1998, and what his wife said about MGs then that changed his car life! Bob has been a member of our MG club for about 12 years, and currently owns a British Racing Green 1972 MGB which he is thinking about driving out to Lake Tahoe this summer to join in the 2011 All MG Register Gathering. He has a great many stories to share with us.

2011- All Roads Lead To Reno in June

- Fourth “All MG” Registers Gathering

- *Is this event on your “Bucket List”?*

Sponsored by the North American Council of MG Registers, this will be the fourth “All MG Register” event since 1996. Every five years there is a large gathering of all the MG registers and for 2011 it will be at Lake Tahoe, Nevada on June 13-17. (*next one will be in 2015*) A block of 800 rooms is reserved for attendees, and room rates range from \$69-\$79 plus tax/night. They expect *800 to 1,000 MGs to attend*. Lots of MG activities, plus many area attractions. *Is this event on your “Bucket List”?* There will be a “Rallye to Reno” caravan from the east coast. It will follow US 50 and will pick up enthusiasts along the way. Information regarding this caravan can be found at: www.rallyetoreno.com. The event's web site is: <http://www.mg2011.com/>

If any of our club members are interested in attending, you might want to drive out to it together, or team up with other MG'ers from the east coast. From Morris Plains, NJ to Reno, Nevada, according to Map quest, the shortest drive is one of 41 hours and 2,705 miles. And if you can average 25 miles per gallon with your MG while driving, that works out to 108 gallons of gasoline going out. At \$2.70 per gallon, that is \$292 for gas out. Double that for round trip, assuming you have no side trips. \$\$ for engine oil – who knows! May exceed gasoline cost for some MGs! MG fun – priceless!

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Elected for 2011

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Vice President: Denis Nelson

Secretary: Steve Wagoner

Treasurer: Karl Marx

Trustees: Eliot Ganek,

Greg Prehodka,

Gary Perrault

Looking Ahead -

Speaker for February

Looking ahead, we will have Bob Berenbak as our speaker at our February 22nd club meeting (*Thanks to member Helen Chezem*). He will talk about the many aspects of buying and selling cars. Bob works for Norman Gale Buick-GMC in Cedar Knolls, NJ. He has long been involved with cars, including owning a MGTD in the past, and was actively involved in stock car racing for many years, as well as selling cars.

Visit to Mini of Morristown

Mid - Winter

Plans are being worked on for our club to visit *Mini of Morristown* one weekend day in mid Winter. Member Richard Miller put us in contact with Ed Gruszczynski, Sales Manager there, and Ed invited our club to come visit Mini of Morristown where they would give us the show and tell of the place and Mini's. We plan to tie our visit in with having a luncheon at some nearby eatery to make the day fun. Plus you'll get to see the new Mini which is being released in December, and the proposed future 2 seat convertible Mini! Details will be sent out once plans are firmed up. Greg Prehodka coordinating.

Do you have an suggestion for a club activity – let us know.

Club Dues for 2011

Mail-In, or Pay at January Meeting

Check or Cash only - \$25

Dues notices are being mailed out, but you may also pay your 2011 club dues at our January 25th meeting. *Check or cash only (sorry, we've a vintage club – no credit cards!)*. Club treasurer Karl Marx will accept dues at the meeting. Please pay up promptly so as Karl will not have to pester you for dues. Still a bargain at only \$25. Single year dues only – sorry, no multiple year payment options. Make your checks out to "MG Car Club – CJC".



Holiday Party

Thanks to Helen Chesem and everyone who made the Holiday Party a great evening. Congrats to Dave Collier and Kathy Mass the Club Enthusiasts of the Year!



Dave joined the MG club in 1981. Over the years he's been the secretary, member at large, VP, President and he was even the news letter editor for a few months when he was also the president because the news letter editor was transferred out of the area with very little notice. For many years since then he's been the technical advisor. Dave started working for Moss in July 1983 and was there almost 26 years until April 2009 just before Moss moved to Virginia. Dave has owned over 60 British cars and completed total restorations on several. Kathy started to follow Dave around and joined in to club activities gradually in the early 1990's while helping Dave with some of the restoration work on Dave's father's MGBGT. Kathy's first big contribution to the club was working on the Britfest voting in 1992 and later working on the earliest of electronic voting process. Kathy has had her 1962 Mini Cooper since 1990. Her passion for Mini's started in 1960 when her father brought home a brand new blue one. That car is her earliest memory of any car and has many fond memories of the Sunday drives to no where in the car. Her 1962 Mini is currently in a museum in Allentown, and she is very proud of her restoration work on the car including building the engine by herself.



ANNOUNCING

PERFORMANCE GARAGE CLUB,

Now that the driving and car show season is winding down, thoughts turn towards winter storage for our classic, collector or project cars/motorcycles. Wouldn't it be nice to have a facility where cars could be stored, but also if this facility provided a "clubhouse" style environment??

Our business, **PERFORMANCE GARAGE CLUB, LLC** provides members a proper facility to store and maintain their special-interest automobiles, and also provides a club environment for those who share a common passion for automobiles.

A sample of the amenities will include a fully furnished members' lounge area with a 'big screen TV', racing simulator, refreshments, snacks, restroom/shower, etc. The club will also offer technical sessions, host on-site car shows, arrange transportation of vehicles, offer consignment services, detailing services, pre-purchase inspections and guidance, etc.

Members will be able to perform their own light-duty repairs/maintenance/detailing on their vehicles, should they choose to, utilizing the club's facilities. This would include access to multiple vehicle lifts and general shop supplies, etc.

We have secured a new-construction facility conveniently located on Route 12 just outside of Frenchtown. The facility has full heat/air conditioning, sprinkler system and complete blacktop parking surface at front and rear of building. Most importantly, it has 24-hour video surveillance. We offer outdoor storage situated on blacktop which is ideal for project cars, trailers and tow vehicles.

OUTLINE OF FEES

Yearly club membership:
\$500.00

Yearly club membership with storage:
\$1,900.00
(includes car cover, battery tender and periodic inspection)

Monthly fee-storage only:
\$130.00-150.00/month
(depending on number of months contracted)

Monthly outdoor storage per standard-size parking space
\$75.00/month

Please contact either Bill Thomas at 908-313-4482 or Steve Smotrich at 609-915-5855 for more information.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Three (3) hours of lift time/month
Access to technician with lift time @ \$ /hr. PENDING
Service rate of \$ /hr.(discounted) PENDING
Outside washing area/inside detail bay
Discount on Club-supplied merchandise
Detailing services available, including event/exhibit preparation
Transportation services available (may include pick up from/delivery to residential or track properties)
Technical seminars
Discount on consignment fees
Track prep.
Track support @ \$ /day PENDING
Club sponsored track days PENDING
Shipping address/acceptance of parts ordered by members
Discount on body work (arranged with approved club facilities)
Near unlimited use of Member's Lounge
Organized events such as shows, drives, track days, trips, etc.

Happy Birthday!

Fred & Mary Weber's '51 MG-TD celebrated a milestone birthday on January 16. In researching his car's history he learned that the TD's build date had been January 16, 1951. Fred very much wanted to take the car for a 60th anniversary jaunt, but the frigid weather and the abundance of salt remaining on the roads from three recent snowstorms would have made taking the car out on the roads that day both an uncomfortable experience and an unwise decision.

Nonetheless, the day could not be allowed to pass without recognition. So Fred's little TD was pushed out of its comfortable place in his garage, an ice cream birthday cake with six candles was carefully placed on its bonnet and photos were taken. After which the car was pushed back into its garage space and the remaining celebrants enjoyed some cake & libation.

Fred is now seeking a petrol station which gives Senior Citizen discounts.

(Thanks Walter for the story & Pictures-NR)



America on Wheels Exhibit



Thanks Gary and Richard for the photos!

Attached are pictures from the visit to America on Wheels Museum on 1-8-2011.

Attendees were:

Fred Weber
Walt Huber
Eliot Ganek
Dave Collier
Kathy Maas
Gary Perrault
Janet Perrault
Sy Gelenter
Mary Hayes
Serge Martynovych
Eileen Martynovych
Richard Miller
Michael Posey
Tom Shaw

A good time was had by all even the guided tour of Allentown, PA to get the Allentown Brewery for lunch.

Many thanks to Dave and Kathy for putting this together



Kathy Maas' 1962 classic Mini

Meshing Gears

MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre
PO Box 435
Convent Station, NJ 07961

Meetings at:
VFW Wantong Post #3401
45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains NJ

Next Meeting
January 25, 2011
7:00 pm

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