



# Party TIMES



February, March & April 2016

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How warm has the winter been? Here's a pictures of Charles taking a hood down run on Christmas Day at 58 degrees!

## Welcome to the new Members!

Joe & Dorothy Iandiorio  
Bolton, MA

51 Red MG TD  
#6393

Referred by:

Fred Horner

Thanks Fred!

## From the Editor

I want to go on record as saying this is the worst winter in years! It is February 1st and it is 55 degrees out...why the heck did I even put the MGs in winter storage? As a skier I can tell you that I can't remember a worse year, downhill is miserable & Nordic is non-existent...a pox on all of you who prayed we wouldn't get as much snow as we did last year! I guess the only things to get excited about are the upcoming Baseball season...Pitchers & Catchers report February 8th...and of course the next driving season. Information for our annual planning session can be found on page 2; please come out and help us put the calendar together. One early event that Kim & I are excited about is the spring GOF in Groton, CT June 1st-5th which rolls into British by the Sea in nearby Waterford, CT on June 5th. Groton is a wonderful town, and British by the Sea in Harkness Park is one of the loveliest settings for a show as can be found. Hope to see some of you there!



# MG T-Party Events Planning Meeting and “Potluck”

**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

**Building will be open at 12:00 pm**

**Call to order at 1:00 p.m. Sharp**

to be held at the

**Wilmington Council for the Arts**

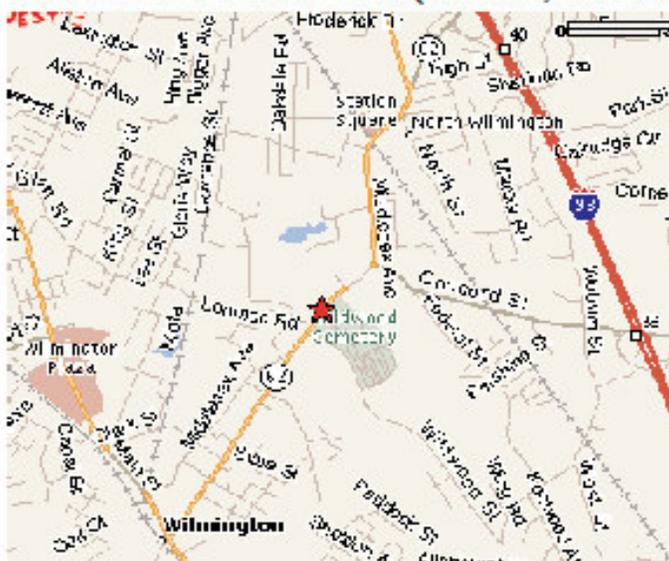
**219 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington MA**

Join us for our annual meeting and event planning session. Come with ideas, suggestions or just to support the rest of the board as they get down to work setting up the year's events. We have secured the Arts Council building to give us room to spread out and accommodate a big attendance by the members. We specially invite all of our new members to join us and meet some of the club members in a relaxed and fun setting. Please bring your ideas for an event to share with the group. After the meeting, we will have a pot luck supper. These pot lucks are a great way to enjoy good food and friends. We always have too much food but it's fun to try to make it go away!

There are no provisions for heating up food in the building so if you want to bring a hot dish, a crock pot or other heating device will need to be brought with the dish. We look forward to seeing you all there!

*Please note that no alcohol is allowed in the Arts building. This is a city regulation.*

**Take Exit 40 off Interstate 93. (Route 62, Middlesex Ave)**



Go West on Route 62, through two sets of traffic lights. The Arts Council is a white building on the left side just past Wildwood Cemetery. (The Congregational Church is across the street on the right.) If the WCA parking lot fills up, it is OK to park in the church lot. There is a small refrigerator in the conference room, and two large coffee makers. We have folding tables, and plenty of chairs.

## ***Chairman's Cable***



**Christmas Day Run 2015**

### ***Winterizing Rituals and LBC Tales of 'Exhaust Cannon' Mouse Contralls...***

Well, the mild, and thus far, comparatively low cumulative snowfall winter, has been a welcome break from last year's white excess, but it still hasn't motivated me sufficiently to undertake any significant new LBC projects out in the garage. I did, however, get the MG TC out for an unseasonably warm Christmas Day Run.



Late morning temperatures on Christmas Day were in the 50's and so I went for a 10-mile drive on my favorite route, with what turned out to be weeks before they first salted the local roads. *Top down* of course (it's never been up in my 10 years

of ownership!) and it never fails to put a big smile on my face.



The TC is now winterized for storage, a battery tender keeping the machine juiced up, and fragrant Bounce™ dryer sheets spread throughout the interior to keep things fresh (and hopefully dissuade any field mice, a.k.a., "pack rats" from taking up a winter residence). Which reminds me, I need to remember to put some aluminum foil over the end of the exhaust tailpipe to block any adventurous exploration by the local varmint population from seeking a convenient ready-made nest, complete with tunnel-like steel entrance.

Last spring I started up the TR6 after a long winter slumber and received not only a present of hulled seeds, fibers and nuts (officially termed a "middens" or nest), but also *one very surprised mouse* who likely may have become the only rodent in his immediate family to have ever been shot, cannon-like, out of the back of his home.

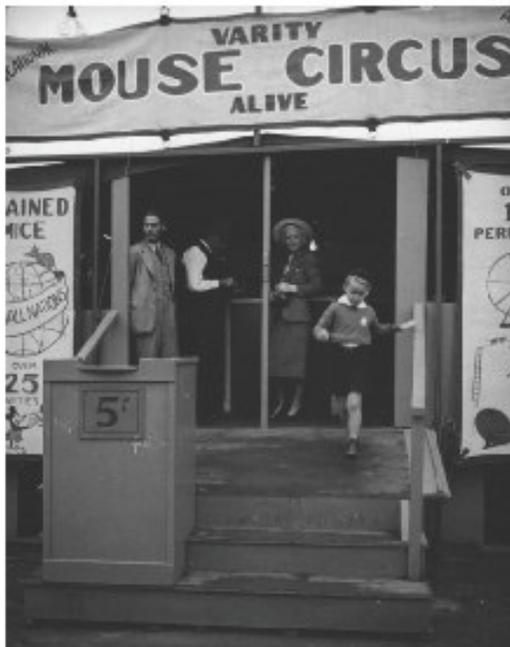




After I evicted him, I hear he has sought a sweet gig as a dare devil performing with Ringling Brothers leveraging his TR6 projectile experience, and now goes by the show name **Cecil the Courageous Cannon-Ball Mouse**, where he is regularly shot



out of circus cannons for adoring crowds. "It's perfectly safe," he recently wrote home to his mother, "although my hearing is not what it used to be."



"Those skate park teens got nothing on my Big Air tricks," he adds.

Just the same, I'd rather my TC not meet the "dare devil" pack rat, a rodent of the genus *Neotoma*, of North America, noted for its habit of collecting bright, shiny objects and leaving other objects, such as nuts or pebbles, in their place.



But, at least I am thankful that my winterization routine doesn't have to take into account the special difficulties of "modern" automotive "Green" engineering. As an attorney, you never know what interesting items you'll come across in new court filings. Take, for example, the case of *Daniel Dobbs et al. v. American Honda Motor Co. Inc.*, case number 2:16-cv-00456, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Wherein we read about the "delicious" warranty claims Honda has had with its soy-based (biodegradable) wiring harnesses. The supposedly environmentally friendly soy casing Honda Motor Co. has begun installing in its newer vehicles "is appealing to some consumers the automaker might not have expected."



It seems that rabbits, squirrels, and yes, mice, find these specially developed, good-for-the-environment wrappings delicious. See the tasty story here at this link: <http://www.law360.com/articles/749268/rats-chewing-honda-s-soy-covered-wires-suit-claims>

Drivers from three states, including Arizona, California, and Texas, have filed a class action lawsuit in California against Honda for breach of warranty. They claim the soy-based coatings in 2012 to 2015 model-year Hondas powerfully attract rodents. The class claims the soy-based insulation used in the wiring harnesses is so “yummy” to mice and other sharp-toothed varmints that many owners have had the wires chewed through and shredded at great expense. Plaintiff G.



Delaney took his 2014 CrossTour to his Arizona dealer because the wiring was shredded.

“The dealer said repairs were not covered by warranty, but they did find a live rabbit still chewing through

the wiring in [Mr. Delaney’s] vehicle, and provided him with a photograph of the live animal chewing the wiring in the car.”

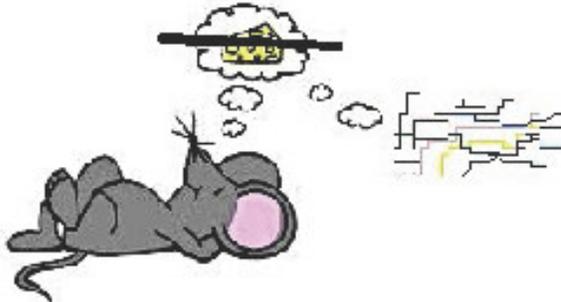
According to the lawsuit, Mr. Delaney was charged and paid approximately \$765 for the repair. Meanwhile, plaintiff S. Rickard, of Texas, had to pay his \$500 deductible from a \$1,400 bill after his Accord’s power steering wiring was chewed through. Honda refused to cover it under warranty. Two days later, he says, he saw a rabbit resting underneath the car and chewing the wiring harness from the ground—it had been chewed through again at approximately the same spot.



Honda says the soy-based insulation is cheaper and kinder to the environment because it is biodegradable. Yet, Honda apparently knows about the warranty claims issue and “actually sells rodent repellent tape used to wrap electrical wiring in order to deal with the propensity of having this wiring chewed through by rodents and other animals attracted to the soy component of the wires,” Rickard says in the complaint.



Drawn to the tasty insulation, the critters also build nests right in the air intakes for easy snacking.



*Although the use of the soy-based material may be relatively new, the issues of critters chewing wiring in cars is, unfortunately, not a new problem. Why, even the esteemed 'Click and Clack' Brothers of Car Talk fame, have weighed in before on this very issue on their radio show. In fact, they have received so many questions on the subject of varmints that they sought out expert help in the form of wildlife expert, Dr. Kieran. . .*

#### CAR TALK ASKS

*Why do we keep finding nuts in our ventilation systems, the engine compartment, and air intake?*

#### DR. KIERAN SAYS

*Rodents are the most likely suspects, particularly species who hoard or cache food resources. Depending on where you live, this might include chipmunks, field mice and pack rats.*

*Look at the engine compartment or ventilation system from a rodent's eyes. While we see an engine compartment or a ventilation system – rodents would likely see something that looks a lot like a burrow. How convenient! And how nice of the humans to provide a prefab tunnel just waiting for a nice mouse or chipmunk to move in and fill the pantry with groceries!*

See more expert discussion on the topic at: <http://www.cartalk.com/content/wildlife-and-your-car#sthash.IIEtJfQN.dpuf>

We are currently trying to secure a date for use of the Wilmington Council for the Arts Building for our annual MG T-Party Business Meeting and Event Planning Session Potluck. We are aiming for February or March for this meeting and if the date is known by the time this goes to press, be sure to keep an eye out for the event flyer. Holding the meeting later in the winter helps us with planning the calendar as more of the car show dates are published by our sister clubs and venues.



**Runaway Ralph**, together with **Stuart Little**, two of my favorite childhood books about mice.

I look forward to seeing you at the next MG T-Party event, which as mentioned, will be held in Wilmington, MA. Bring your ideas for any new things you'd like to do this year. Until then, I leave you with this video of the 2015 Goodwood Revival Brooklands Trophy Race: <http://tinyurl.com/jpz9eyv>

--Charles



## Holiday Party



It was unseasonably warm as we gathered on the Merrimac River at Jules by the Water for the 2015 Holiday party, so much so that Kim & I drove down in the MGB. This was the first time since we moved to NH seven years ago we had one of our cars still in the garage in December, not tucked away in winter storage.



Roy & Jane Crane topped us by bringing a T-Series...“I’ll see your MGB and raise you a TD”. Next year (I hope) we will probably have two feet of snow in December!

The staff at Jules did a fine job, with the big change being a small cash bar in the room with our party, eliminating the long wait for drinks we experienced last year when they had to bring them up from downstairs. The food as always was excellent with a choice of steak tips, shrimp scampi, baked haddock or chicken parmesan...I stuck with the steak tips again and wasn’t disappointed!

I had a wonderful chat with Arthur Bentas about “The Raven” a championship car that he built in the 50’s which has been shown at Pebble Beach among other venues. The car is now up at Owl’s Head if you find your way up there. You can google the car, it has a fascinating history.



Steve Neal brought along pictures of his latest project, a custom built Morgan 3 Wheeler in stunning yellow, proving once again you can’t keep a good man down! I can’t wait till spring, Steve’s promised me I could take it for a spin. Not to be outdone by Mr. Neal, Roy Crane also brought along pictures of his latest project, a hand built wooden model of the “Bluenose” a



famous Canadian fishing & racing Schooner. The model is built from scratch plans in exacting detail, including the sails that Roy sewed on Jane’s sewing machine!

The Cangiano Cup was presented in absentia to Elliot & Marty Grover, congratulations to you both! Charles surprised me with a nice plaque conferring the rank of LtCol in the MG Flying Corps along with wings which are now on my leather jacket. Of course the party would not be complete without Betty Butler presenting a hand made gift, this year it was a beautiful hand painted ceramic Father Christmas, presented to Charles for all his hard work..

Coffee & dessert closed out another successful party, and signaled the end to the official 2015 driving season.

*Safety*  *Fast*

# Holiday Party Pictures



# YouTube MG Cars Channel

## Cars & People – Love & Lore

Presented by Shelburne Films

<http://www.youtube.com/c/shelburnefilmsMG>



## MG Psalm found in a Pub Buckleberry, England

Thanks to Len Johnson

The M.G. is my car, I shall want no other  
It maketh me to lie down in wet places  
It leadeth me into paths of recklessness, for its brakes shall fade  
Yea, though I run down the valleys, I push up the hills  
Its readiness to stop discomforts me  
It preparast a breakdown for me in the presence of mine enemies  
It anointist my drive with oil, my car runneth over into the red  
Surely Old Speckled Hen shall comfort me all the days of my life  
I will dwell in the house of the poor forever.

## **Those Wonderful Church Bulletins**

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters!

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus..'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Thanks to the "MG Gazette" of the Keystone Region MG Club

# The Ales of the United Kingdom

“Give my people beer, good beer & cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them”

Queen Victoria



## Strong Suffolk

Greene King Brewery

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## Greene King's Strong Suffolk

Winter classic still made by blending old and young beers

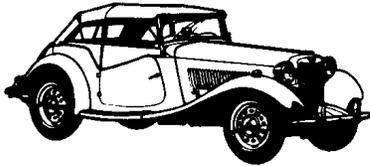
Strong Suffolk is one of Britain's most unusual ales, and a winter classic. It is England's last example of an ale made by the blending of old and young beers. The old component is aged in wooden tuns, and is the only beer in Britain still to employ that method. The technique of aging and blending, to achieve an equilibrium of malty sweetness and acidity, was typical in the late 1700s and 1800s, but gradually vanished in the 1900s. The two brews from which Strong Suffolk is blended are not sold as products in their own right, though many British drinkers would love to taste them.

One is known in the brewery as BPA - which is said to stand for Best Pale Ale, though the beer has quite a full colour by today's standards. BPA is a mild-tasting malty ale of 4.0 per cent alcohol by weight, 5.0 by volume. The other ale is known as 5x (from the days before widespread literacy, when crosses or other symbols were carved or branded on to wooden casks to indicate ascending strength). The 5x has 9.6 by weight; 12.0 by volume. This ale has the richness of a fruit cake, and develops suggestions of straw and iron while aging in the ceiling-high oak tuns, typically for between one and three years. The two ales are then blended to create Strong Suffolk. The blend emerges at 4.5 by weight; 6.0 by volume. In Britain, where everyday ales are low in alcohol (but often packed with flavour) this entitles the beer to be known as Strong Suffolk. There are yet stronger English Old Ales, but few more complex in flavour.

-The Beer Hunter-

- 1998 Gold Medal Winner at the Brewing Industry International Awards.
- Unique and unrivalled, the only beer in Great Britain which is left to mature for 2 years in 100 barrel oak vats.
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### Web Site

Position Open

# T-Party Classifieds

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License Plate Frames.....	\$1.00
Pens.....	\$.50

Add **\$5.00** per jacket/shirt for shipping & handling. Other items will be billed actual postage.

Contact Betty Butler to purchase Regalia.  
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