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President's Message:

In this month's message, I'm starting off with a little information from the past.

Rewind back to the fall of 1999 when a few car nuts were discussing their cars and a lack of an organization that related to roadsters in general. There were clubs for Mustangs, Corvettes, MoPars, and such, but nothing for the MG population. Over some coffee and maybe a few beers, it was decided to research some local car clubs and even some out of town clubs. All of this evolved to the possibility of forming a local club to fill this "Roadster" void in the Central New York area. Moving a few months down the road, in the spring of 2000, the current "MG Car Club of Central New York" was officially formed. This is when the foundation of the club was built, by-laws were drawn up and a set of officers put in place.

Shortly thereafter, the thought of a newsletter for club news, ideas, and a source for communication between members was raised and then implemented. The next idea to take off was getting a web site up and running. With some research and finger tapping, this was done by our local web master. As you all know, we piggy-back the website of our MG neighbors to the west of us in Rochester. Members who frequent our website know it is well organized with a history of events, pictures of our rides, upcoming activities plus much more. We also have a bulletin board, which enables members to post information and/or questions for others as well as serving as an excellent communication tool to keep us all current with upcoming events.

In keeping with this progression, an idea flew into my head a few weeks ago. What are the possibilities, limitations, and such of putting our monthly newsletter on our website?

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October, 2006

Thinking of the newsletters I have saved myself over the last several years, I came up with just two—the others were eventually fed to the recycle bin. How many of our members take our newsletter home from our meeting, read it and toss it into their recycle bin? The same goes for the newsletters that get mailed to our members who don't pick on up at our monthly meetings. For quite some time, I pondered how many newsletters get tossed and how many are actually saved for future reference. This is when my website idea came into play. I e-mailed Jimmy, our web-keeper, a few times to discuss the logistics of this idea. Then one day, to my disappointment, I discovered my idea was not so original after all. It seems the Rochester club has been doing this for quite some time. Oh well. Original or not, however, having our newsletter available on our website will allow us to save a few trees, our editor to save some copy time, and our mailing department to save additional time and postage costs. We will also leave the option open for members who would like a hardcopy to obtain one whenever they like. If you submit a story or have your picture in our newsletter, these are probably hard copies worth saving for you. I also feel it is very important to continue to publish a hard copy version for folks without Internet capability, to pass around to potential members, and to send to our advertisers. Our newsletter is, and will continue to be, a great promotional tool for our club. Presently we are shooting for a January kick off for this idea. As we progress, we will keep everyone up to date. I encourage the membership to voice their opinion on the matter as well.

Enjoy your ride!

Mike

MG—Enjoy The Ride!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October -

- 3** - Club meeting at Barbagallo's—6:30 eat/7:30 meeting
- 15** - Run Before Sleep
Bob Carbone @ 699-4701
- 21** - (Tentative) - Creepy Camp Tour
Patty Golas—687-3849
- 31** - No Board meeting

November -

- 7** - Board meeting—5:45 Barbagallo's
Club meeting at Barbagallo's—6:30 east/7:30 meeting
- 28** - Board meeting—7:00 at Lock 24
- ?** - Wine Run?

Check the club web site for other events and updates

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Clip and Save - By Tom Larkin

You can have problems with the brakes on your classic car at any time. Should the problem involve removal of any part of the hydraulic system, you will need to bleed the system. This is not like the giving blood kind of bleed where the nice nurse does all the work. This kind of bleed is where you have to do the work yourself. So, any way you can make it easier is a good thing!

Now let's start with a definition of bleeding - when it refers to brakes and hydraulic systems. Bleeding is the removal of air in the hydraulic system. Air in the system causes the brake pedal to feel spongy. The cause of this is that air can be compressed under the pressure of your foot but the brake fluid cannot. As you push the pedal, fluid from the master cylinder is pushed to the wheels. At the wheels, the brake fluid pushes the wheel cylinders or the calipers to apply the brakes. If there's air in the system when you apply the brakes, the fluid does not push at the wheel cylinders or calipers. It pushes the air, causing it to compress but not have enough pressure to actuate the brakes. This is obviously a dangerous thing. The reason it happens is that it is easier to compress the weak air than it is to push against the strong brakes. Getting the air out of the system sometimes is not always easy. For most of us it is a two person job. Someone needs to push the pedal inside the car, while the other person opens the brake bleeders to let the air out. This can be an impetus to eliminate solitude in the garage, and may be the only time you get to bond with family members! But what happens on the night your mate will not talk to you, or the kids are at a hockey game, or you ran out of friends? Who is going to help?

This time I can come to the rescue! No, I am not coming to your house to help bleed your brakes... What I have for you is information about a product I picked up at Pep Boys. It is called a "One Man Bleeder" and it works very well. I picked this up about a year ago, and this is the first time I had to use it. Why did I not use the two person method? I will keep the answer to that to myself [*members are invited to speculate... Ed.*], but I am here to tell you the One Man Bleeder Kit works. The kit instructs you to attach the hose to the open bleeder - one at a time. After it's hooked up, you go inside the car and pump the pedal. Follow the directions that come with the kit and you cannot go wrong. The only other thing I will add is you may need to adapt the kit to the size of your bleeders. I did by using an air line fitting and some plastic hose. Now go get the job done !! Tom

English Term ---cabriolet
American Term ---convertible

Overdrive—by Clare Woods

It was great to see the Wolfords at the last club meeting. By this time, they have left to return to sunny Arizona.

The Winnes celebrate their first wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them!

If we missed anyone it means we do not have the month and day of your birthday. Please contact me (Clare Woods) at 695-1379 or cmwoods1138@yahoo.com with the information so we can include you next time around.

October Birthdays

- 10/1 Adam Wojakowski
Michele Evanson
Elana Henner
- 10/3 Gary Sergent
- 10/4 Bob Evanson
Terry Smith
- 10/5 Bob Nethercott
- 10/6 Jay Levy
Chuck Biss
- 10/7 Keith Fountain
Dee Lynch
- 10/10 Carol Russo
- 10/11 Brian Larkin
Don Nelson
- 10/12 Henry Bingham
- 10/16 Barbara Bingham
Debbie (Mrs. Webmaster) Hearne
- 10/17 Deb Larkin
Bob Jokl
- 10/18 Joe Shea
- 10/21 Ron Farley
- 10/22 John Szozda
- 10/23 Jim Dean
- 10/24 Tina Prosonic
Mickey Sergent
- 10/25 Joyce Stewart
Jim Schoonmaker
- 10/30 Sue Cali
- 10/31 Donna Fountain

(Carmella's birthday is In December)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!!!