

The newsletter of The NY/Conn Chapter of The New England MG 'T' Register

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Bocce at Kirk-land Manor

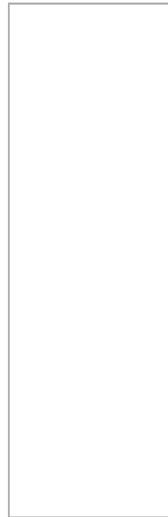
Perfect weather brought out record numbers of MGs and the food, companionship and games were enjoyed by all.

Thanks Fred and Anne Kirk

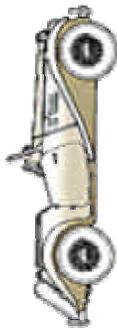


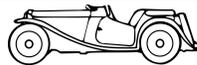
Upcoming NY/Conn Events:

- Oct. 23: Culture I n The Country, Page 3
- Dec. 5: NY/Conn Holiday Party
- Make reservations now for Culture I n the Country 2005, see page 4.
- Full Calendar, see page 4



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The Ten Commandments of Auto Repair

I	<i>Thou</i> shalt not place any essential portion of thy anatomy beneath a car that is not properly supported with jack stands or blocks.
II	<i>Thou</i> shalt not work on any part of the starting or charging system without first disconnecting the battery.
III	<i>Thou</i> shalt suffer no flame or spark near the battery or the fuel system.
IV	<i>Thou</i> shalt forsake the open end of the wrench, and whenever possible to use always the box end upon thy nuts and thy bolts.
V	<i>Thou</i> shalt always securely block the wheels of the car before starting work, lest thee run thyself over with thine own car.
VI	<i>Thou</i> shalt never lose thy temper or thy patience. Remember: "Act in haste and you will repent at your leisure."
VII	<i>Thou</i> shalt always exercise extreme care when opening thy radiator, lest thee parboil thyself or some innocent bystander.
VIII	<i>Thou</i> shalt clean up any and all of the fluids that thy auto may emit, lest they ignite or poison thy pet, thy child, thy soil or thy groundwater.
IX	<i>Thou</i> shalt always place thy car's transmission in Park or Neutral before commencing work.
X	<i>Thou</i> shalt never forget the laws of ASSUME, K.I.S.S., and Murphy, and never blame another person for thine own errors.



THE HUDSON RIVER TOUR REDUX Culture In The Country XI



Date: <i>Saturday,</i> <i>Oct. 23</i> <i>Rain or shine</i>	RSVP	How many want to get cultured?
		<i>Judy Johnson</i>
		914-277-5480 - home
		914-277-4571 - office
		914-844-7199 - cell
		By Thursday, Oct. 21st.

Itinerary

9:30-10:00AM - Cider and doughnuts, coffee (breakfast if you wish). Meet at Lou's Deli and restaurant, Exit 17 off I84.

10:00-10:45AM - Drive to Locust Grove home of Samuel Morse Visitor's Center, Poughkeepsie, Route 9.

11:00-1:00PM - 10 minute video and guided tour of mansion, \$6 each. See gardens and gift shop

1:15-1:30PM - Leave for lunch. at Haymarket, Route 44 East

1:30PM-? - Lunch at Haymarket, Route 44 East, a 4-Star restaurant run by graduates of Culinary Institute. Great varied menu!! (reasonably **priced**)

You'd think by now that we had toured every mansion overlooking the Hudson River, but Judy has managed to find yet another to replace the vetoed Lennox, Mass. tour. This time it is the Samuel Morse estate. The 150-acre historic site includes an Italianate villa designed by Alexander Jackson Davis containing extensive collections of American & European decorative and fine arts. Three miles of carriage



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Schedule of Events (NY/Conn events in bold)

- **October 23: Culture in the Country with Judy & Patricia.** Tour of Samuel Morse's home, Locust Grove. See details on page 3.
- November 5-7: 14th MG Jamboree, Tampa, FL. Arnie Anderson, Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, 813-651-1646, suearna@aol.com.
- **December 5: (5 PM - 10PM) NY/Conn Holiday Party,** Tap Room, Chuck's Steak House, Danbury, CT.

2005

- July 11—15: GoFWest, Santa Ynez Valley, CA. Sponsored by a group of 20 left-coast MG clubs, this is a well produced and attended event. At GOF 77, Larry Long, who journeyed from California to Painted Post, issued an invitation to all MG enthusiasts to join them. What a great summer vacation-pack up the spares.
- **October 22, 2005: Culture In The Country XII**—Contact Judy Johnson if anyone wants to go to Culinary Institute American Bounty Restaurant next year. They require reservations nine months in advance. **Please get back to Judy ASAP if you would like to attend.**

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What's In Your Tool/Spares Kit? (Cont.)

tors, carburetors, head gaskets, superchargers, water pumps, fan belts and the list goes on. I even saw someone replacing a piston in the Toronto GOF parking garage. Obviously, you don't want to, and physically couldn't—unless you had a trailer, carry a spare for every part that could break. Nor do you want to carry every tool that would be required to effect every possible repair.

Jan normally carries a kit in the TD containing some gaskets, rubber plugs to replace core plugs, spark plugs, wires, points, rotor etc that would fit TC's, TD's or TF's. He also has a fuel pump that he could rebuild that would fit a TC or TD. My generator, if rebuilt would fit TD's or TF's and maybe a TC if it had been converted to the later generator. I also recently replaced my TF fuel pump and will have the old one rebuilt as a spare. Jan thinks this same pump would also work on an MGA or early MGB.

So, I'm asking for help to compile a three-stage tool kit and a three-stage spares list.

Tools:

1. The Basics: Essential tools that everyone should have on

hand all the time.

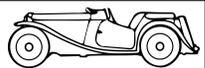
2. Handy Additions: Tools that would be nice to have if space and money permit.
3. Luxury Tools: Tools to be shared—maybe something the club could buy.

Spare Parts:

1. The basics: Essential parts that everyone should have (spark plugs, points, etc.). But give me your list.
2. Handy Additions: Spare whitworth nuts and bolts, gaskets, hoses, belts (maybe some of these belong in the basics, but you get the idea).
3. Good to have as a group, but not everyone needs to have one: generators, water pumps, etc. (What do you have on hand now and what should we as a group have?)

Send me your ideas (Charley Robinson), I'll compile the list for a future newsletter. Then for the next trip, we can assign major tools and spares to individuals so that no one is overloaded yet we might have the tools and spares to make the repairs that will keep everyone rolling.

Any other suggestions, comments or ideas are welcome.



Culture In The Country (Cont.)

roads (translates to walking trails) wind through the landscaped grounds, romantic gardens and shady grooves.

Morse was an inventor, an educator, a painter, a community activist and a landscape architect. The historic gardens, the largest nature preserve between Cold Spring & Hyde park, remain one of the most outstanding features

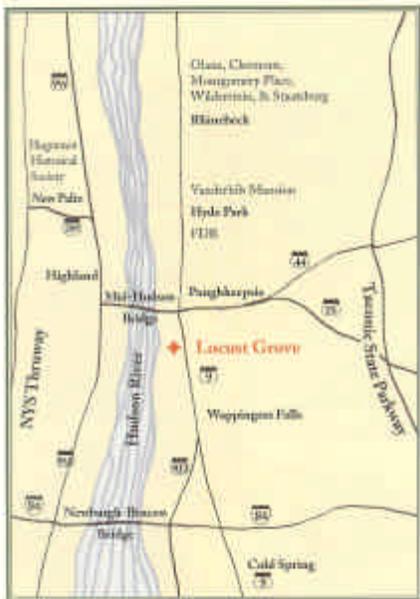
of the estate.

Some of us have more than a passing familiarity with Morse, having used his inventions (the telegraph & Morse code) prior to the telephone. So plan to join us to renew your acquaintance with this marvelous device and to enjoy the beauty of the fall country side along the Hudson River Valley.

Directions: Lou's Deli—Exit 17 off I84 West (Ludingtonville Rd.) – turn left, go to end, turn right, 1st parking lot past Hess station.

Locust Grove—I84 West to Taconic Parkway North. Exit to Route 55 West, to Poughkeepsie. Just before Mid-Hudson Bridge, turn right onto Route 9 South – Locust Ave. is 2 miles on right.

Haymarket Restaurant—Turn left out of Locust Grove onto Route 9 North, Take Exit 55/44 East. At fork, bear left onto Route 44. Restaurant is approximately 1 mile on right in shopping center – 718 Dutchess Turnpike (Route 44).



Locust Grove
The Samuel Morse Historic Site

2683 South Road (Rt. 9)
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 454-4500

www.morsehistoricsite.org
Locust Grove is located on Rt. 9 in Poughkeepsie, NY, 2 miles south of the Mid-Hudson Bridge or 11 miles north of I84.



Schedule of Events (Continued)

2006

- June 22 -25: MG2006—Save The Date—Sponsored by the North American Council of MG Registers (North American MMM Register, New England MG 'T' Register, North American MGA Register, North American MGB Register & American MGC Register). Final destination to be determined, but it will be at a great family destination with many things to do and will feature roads which will keep a permanent smile on your face. To be added to the mailing list, send your name, address and e-mail to: MG2006, 318 Hampton Park, Westerville, OH 43081-5723 or email the info to: INFO@MG2006.com. Check it out on the web at: www.mg2006.com.

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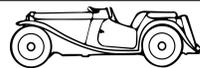
It seems that every time I attend a GOF, something on the TF demands attention. In spite of any prep I might do, invariably something breaks down. For example, my generator on the way to GOF 77 although I had replaced it just four or five years, and not that many miles, ago.

The whole process though, of having a replacement generator delivered overnight by Abingdon Spares (at an outrageous cost) and scrounging for tools and parts in the parking lot of the Best Western, got me to thinking about what one should reasonably carry to keep your MG on the road.

A note from Jan Hurd further expanded the idea. Jan has suggested that we set up a NY/Conn spare parts stock list so that we each carry a part or two for use primarily at group events and get-togethers. Jan says, "If we knew who had what part and what tools it would be a help for repairs to get home and no one would loose too much luggage space to spares."

Parts that I've experienced failure with or have seen others replacing on the road include: spark plugs, points, condensers, distributors, distributor caps, rotors, axle half shafts, genera-

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Kirkland Manor Line-Up

It was the most MGs I'd seen at a NY/Conn event in a long time, and all of them with the hood down! Well, all but Curt's Y-type, but he did have the sunroof open. (If the top is the hood, is a hole in the hood still a sunroof?) Perfect weather, good food, good fiends, fun cars and games; It was a great day and my apologies for having to run out early but parental duties called.

My thanks also to the photographers. Above is Kurt Mesedahl's panoramic view of our MGs—our first ever centerfold. Other photos, although I'm no longer sure of who took what, were the Hurd's and the Fanelli's.



The MG Line Up generated much conversation and congregation in the Kirk's front yard



DiRenno's unveil their recently completed TC. Nice Job!

Houser & Re Finally Awarded

Although we had made a presentation to the Re's at Sweetheart Sunday at the Raymond's, the event was kept quiet because we didn't want to ruin the surprise for the Houser's. I was finally able to make that presentation when I ran into Dave and Rita at NAMGAR GT-29 this past July. The inscription on the plaques read: "Presented to Rita & Dave Houser (Michele & George Re) in

grateful appreciation and recognition of 30 (29) years of dedicated service to the NY/Conn Chapter of the New England MG 'T' Register. December 6, 2003"

