

# USA Melting Pot Twenty-Third Meeting Presentation GM Powertrain Lunch & Learn

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GM Powertrain Engine Analysis, Pontiac, MI

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# Agenda

- Welcome, Introduction to USA Melting Pot – Weilou Gao (5 minutes)
- India's Auto Industry – Rahul Mital (20 mins)
- Question and Answer (10 minutes)

# USA Melting Pot Purpose

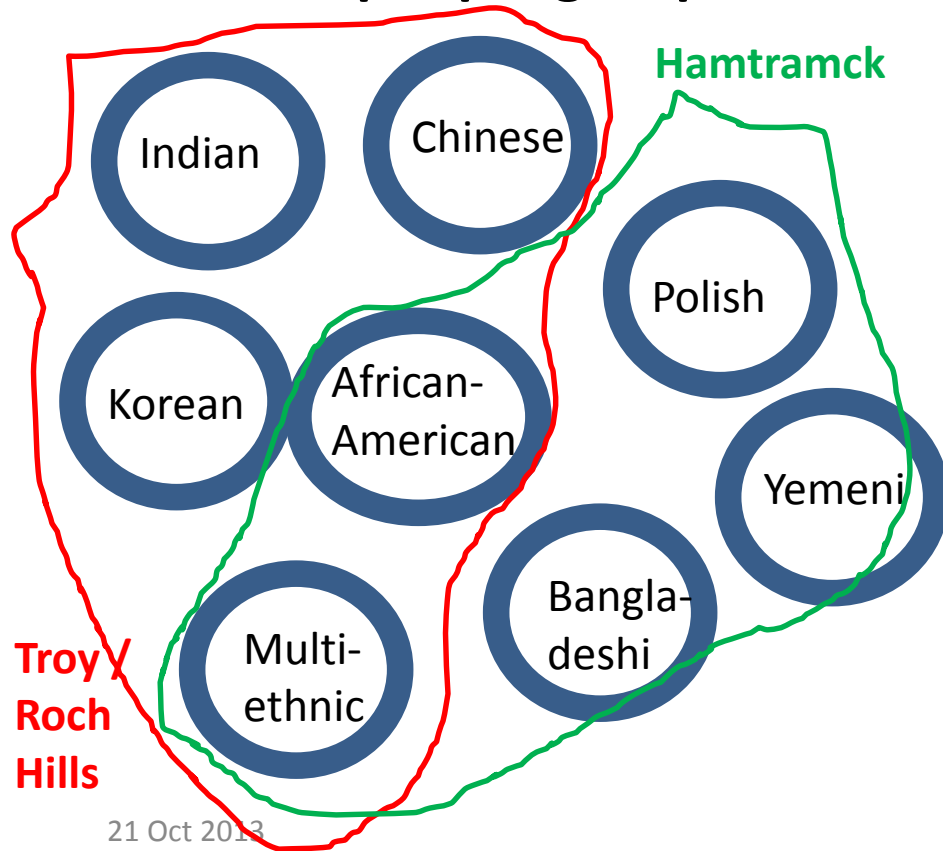
- **To build bridges between all ethnic groups**
- To celebrate all cultural backgrounds,  
**including American culture**
- To serve the communities where we live and work

**New purpose added 25 Oct 13  
after teamGM work day**



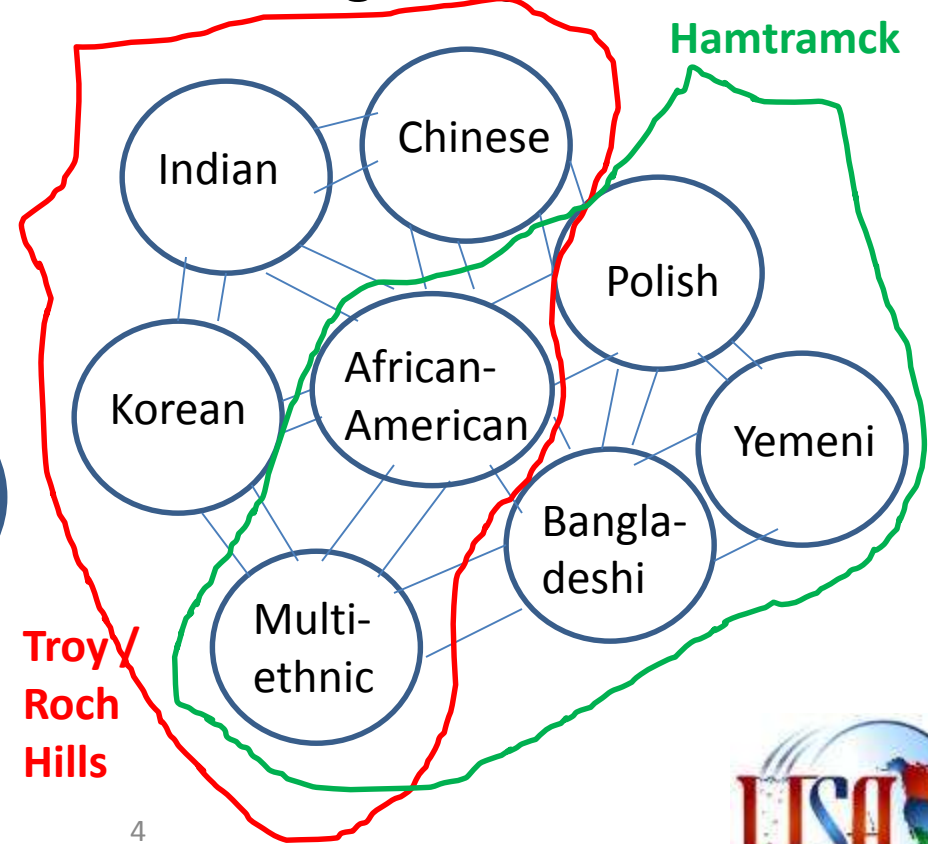
# Open Windows & Build Bridges

**Multi-culturalism emphasizes differences and builds walls between people groups**



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**We emphasize common ground and focus on building and crossing bridges**



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# Growing Club with a Global Footprint

- Monthly meetings
  - ~12 cultures & several hobbies at Troy Public Library since May 2012
  - 5 Lunch & Learns at GM Powertrain (Croatia, India China, Farming in India and Brazil)
  - Picnic at Troy Historic Village August 2012
  - teamGM work day at Grace Centers of Hope, Sept 2013
- Check out [USAmeltingpot.org](http://USAmeltingpot.org) website for past presentations, interesting articles



# http://USAmeltingpot.org



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Description of logo, club values, etc.

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Amazon Prime 30-day free trials

### National Parks Closed

By Marcus on October 2, 2013 at 9:32 am  
Posted In: Uncategorized

**Common phrases in other languages**

My colleague is on vacation in yellow stone area, but he could not enter Yellow Stone National Park since yesterday due to government shutdown. So make your travel plans with government shutdown into consideration.

Like One person likes this.

**Hope to see you Saturday!**

### October Events

By Marcus on October 1, 2013 at 2:10 pm  
Posted In: Meeting Invitation

• 5 min **Troy City Council presentation** (Weilou and Dale) **October 21, 7:30 p.m.**

• **Fattum Mutahr's Yemeni Culture** presentation at the **Troy Public Library 12:00-1:30, Saturday, October 26.**

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### Little Fingers of MI Bike Tour (by Dale)

By Marcus on September 30, 2013 at 3:13 pm  
Posted In: Biking, Camping, Travel, United States

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Contact [marcus@USAmeltingpot.org](mailto:marcus@USAmeltingpot.org) to register as a member. We're looking for people to post events, articles or comment on posts.

...supported bicycle camping tour from the Mackinac Bridge to Traverse City to the Leelanau Peninsula to the scenic...  
...mentioned this worthy cause. I commend it to your reading if you haven't already.



**Fanghui Shi –  
Chinese culture**

**Bob Paull – Bike  
gearing &  
Michigander  
bicycle tour**



**Bill Hughes –  
Bicycle touring**



**Canadian Rick Vriesen,  
November 2012**

**Troy City Council  
Oct 21: Past  
Library Meetings**

**Civil War Panel  
Discussion Feb 2013**



**Gettysburg Reenactor**



**Ajay Pandey,  
India**



**Local Canoeing Places**



**Troy City Council  
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**Assisting the Miracle on Seneca Street, USA Melting Pot club members & friends, teamGM work day Sept 12, 2013**





# Future GM Lunch & Learns

**Monthly meeting at GMPT Pontiac on second Friday of the month **11:15-11:45** Michigan time**

See website for more:

<http://USAmeltingpot.org>

Club philosophy and past activities are summarized here:

<http://usameltingpot.org/usa-melting-pot-club-update-to-troy-city-council/>

<http://usameltingpot.org/updates-of-usameltingpot-2/>

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# Rahul Mital bio

- Born: New Delhi, India
- Currently living in Rochester Hills, Michigan
- Education: PhD in Mechanical Eng. from Purdue University
- Currently Diesel aftertreatment Technical Specialist at GM
- Been working in Emissions area for 23 years
- Married to Nish (Indian) and have two boys 16 and 11 years old.

# Questions / comments?

# Backup



# The new melting pot philosophy

- Original melting pot idea was to learn American culture and become homogeneous, deliberately losing your ethnic identity
- Common view today is multi-culturalism, which celebrates separate ethnic identities instead of mingling: salad bowl metaphor
- New improved philosophy is in between:
  - Learn about the USA and celebrate your ethnic heritage
  - American first, treat all people equally regardless of where they're from



# USA Melting Pot Secondary Purposes

- Help newcomers and visitors learn about the USA **and mingle with all ethnic groups**
- Provide travel information
- Connect existing cultural groups
- Provide a forum for conversational English
- **Encourage face to face dialogue in our increasingly technology-dependent world**



# Club members at City Council Meeting



**Weilou Gao, Dale Murrish, Troy Community Affairs Director Cindy Stewart, Retiring Council Member Maureen McGinnis, Yuri Peric, Jeremy Demarest. Not pictured: Antonio Cruz, Diwakar Krishnaiah, Sreedhar Patil**

# Melting Pot Travel Spreadsheet

Importance of Phrase		USA	China	Brazil	UK	Germany	Canada	Italy
Language(s)		English	Mandarin, Cantonese,	Portuguese	English	German	English (77	Italian
1a	Excuse me		Dui Bu Qi	Com <b>licença</b> , / Desculpa (		Entschuldigung	Pardon	Scusi
1b	Do you speak English?		Shuo ying-wen?	Você fala Inglês		Sprechen Sie En	Parlez-vous	Parla ingles
2	Thank you (very much)		Xie Xie	(muito) Obrigado		Dankeschön	Merci beauco	Grazie mille,
3	Hello (give greeting for Good morning and Good Day, Evening & Night if they have it.)		Ni Hao (" <i>You good</i> " lite	<b>Olá</b> (or Oi )		Guten Tag. Guter	Bon jour, Bo	Ciao - informal Buongiorno
4	Please		Qing	Por favor		Bitte	si'l vous plaît	Per favore
5	Yes / No		Shi / Bu Shi	Sim / Não		Ja / nein	Oui / non	
6	You're welcome		Bu Ke Qi	Não há de que / <b>De nada</b> /		Bitteschön	Je vous en pris	
7	I don't understand		Wo Bu Dong	Eu não entendo		Ich habe nicht ve	Je ne comprend pas	
8	Goodbye formal/informal		Zai Jian	Adeus / <b>Tchau</b> or Até		Auf Wiederseher	Au revior / e	Arrivederci /
9	Two beers, please.		Liang Bei Pi Jiu	Duas cervejas, por favor.		Zwei Bier, bitte	Deux biere, si'l vous plaît	
10	Where is the bathroom? (for disposal of the beer!)		Ce Suo Zai Na Li?	Onde fica o banheiro		Wo ist das Bade:	Ou est la W	Dov'è il bagr
11	Have a nice trip!		Lv Tu Yu Kuai	Boa Viagem!		Gute Reise!	Bon Voyage!	
	Can you repeat that, please? Slowly and clearly, please.		Chong Fu Yi Bian Hao	Você pode repetir, por favo		Bitte wiederholen	Repetez, si'l vous plaît?	
	My name is...		Qing Man Yi Dian	Devagar e claro, por favor.		Langsam und deutlich, bitte		
	<b>Best regards, (use to sign emails)</b>		Wo De Ming Zi Shi	Meu nome é		Ich heisse...	Je m'appelle...	
	The numbers, one to ten:	one, two,	Zhu Yi Qie Shun Li	Meus cumprimentos		Viele Grüße,		Cordiali salu
		yi, er, san, si, wu, liu,		um, dois, três,		eins, zwei, drei,	un, deux,	
<b>Smiles have no language barrier!</b> Knowing a few words in the language of the country you are visiting really helps, especially in countries w								
	Have a good/nice day		Pin-Yin Latin alphabet					
	Pronunciation Rules Differing from English		i = ee	a= ah (open mouth like A-r		z = ts		
			ou = oh	e=		v = f		
			ao = ow	i= e		w = v		
			x = sh	o= just O (from O-hio)		ei = i		
			Shuo = sure	ão = aowm <sup>16</sup>		ie = e		
			Qi = chee			etc.		
	31 May 2012							





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# Hometown Connections



**teamGM work  
day Sept 12,  
2013**



**Diwakar Krishnaiah from  
Bangalore/Rochester Hills  
and Sreedhar Patil from  
Bangalore, India**

**Boris, Irina & Yuri –  
The Trio with St.  
Petersburg Roots**

12 Sept 2013



**Allan Zhao from Beijing,  
China / Troy  
and Cherg-Chi Chang from  
Taiwan / Troy**



# Current Club Leaders

- Weilou Gao, President  
Born: China, Lives: Troy
- Marcus Chen, V.P. & Web Master  
Born: China, Lives: Ann Arbor
- Yuri Peric, Treasurer  
Born: Croatia, Citizen: Canada, Lives: Rochester Hills
- Antonio Cruz, Utility  
Born: Mexico, Lives: Troy
- Sreedhar Patil, Ambassador  
Born: Davangere, India, Lives: Bangalore, India
- Dale Murrish, Secretary  
Born: Indiana, Lives: Troy

Ideas from **many** others have been used...  
New members are welcome!

