

Michigan MG T Club General Membership Meeting – December 1, 2009  
Brass Pointe, Farmington, Michigan

Attending the meeting were the following:

Sandy Kuivenhoven	Dave Miller	Tom Sorensen
Larry Kuivenhoven	Rita Patrick	Dick Axford
Shari Pelic	Beverley Martin	Carol Axford
Lou VanKoningsveld	Roger Melton	Guy St. John
Elaine VanKoningsveld	John Boyle	Karen Norman
Cary Gersh	Catherine Boyle	Tom Norman
Lee Jacobsen	Bob Tapert	

Due to the chilly weather, no one drove their T car

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. (Sandy was all set to start the meeting, but Cary Gersh arrived at exactly 7:30, so Sandy took a few minutes to show Cary the items on the MGeezer table.)

There were no new members attending.

The meeting minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Sandy Kuivenhoven discussed several items in her Chairman's Report:

The Buffalo Farm that the Club visited on the Fall Color Tour was featured in this month's Somerset Magazine. Unfortunately, there were no MGs included in the photos. However, there may have been some of the Club members included in the shots of the buffalos. We could not tell for sure.

Several of the Club's trophies have been refurbished at a nominal expense. Over the years, some of the engraved plates had loosened up, and did not make for a presentable trophy. These newly spiffed-up trophies will be at the Hibernation Party this Saturday.

The Club will be actively participating in this summer's GOF in Ohio. More to follow.

The recent Chili Cook-off was quite successful. Some members think that next year we could invite additional car clubs (i.e Jag and Triumph) to participate.

This year's Drive-in Movie event had good feedback. It was suggested that this event be continued. It was rumored that one of the Club's younger members had their "first Drive-in kiss" at the event. Following that comment, several members said "it was me", so the rumor lost a bit of its glamor.

After the upcoming Club elections, the by-laws should be reviewed and updated as needed. Some of the other local car clubs' by-laws may be a good resource for wording on some items.

It was suggested that the Club's Hibernation Party take place after the first of the year from now on. Hosting the party in December appears to be in conflict with a lot of other social plans, and has precluded some members from attending. The estimated attendance for this Saturday's party stands at 45 people.

Lou VanKoningsveld reviewed the Club's regalia currently for sale:

Fabric patches with the Club's logo are available for \$5.00 each, and Club Badges with the Club's logo are \$20.00 each.

Tour suggestions include the following:

Octagon Houses in souther Michigan.  
Waterford Hill race track  
Private car collections  
Restoration shops

Dick Bremer provided an update of the Club's finances via e-mail. The basics are shown below:

The Club currently has \$9,101.89 in the treasury.  
This year's expenses exceeded income by \$520.86

Shari Pelic commented on the following:

The deadline for the next T-Times is December 15, 2009. Members are encouraged to submit their photo for consideration for the cover of the T-Times.

Saturday's Hibernation Party starts at 5:00PM at Karl's Cabin. As in past years, there will be an auction of things that members bring (donate). Proceeds of the auction will go to the Humane Society. Roger Melton has agreed to be this year's auctioneer.

Tom Sorensen provided the Membership Report:

Manley Ford and Lee Ferrell turned in their applications as new members.

2010 annual dues are slowly arriving. 19 of 79 have paid up.

Club membership now stands at 140 people.

Tom is building a new database that will include the member's New England MGT Registry number along with the member's VIN information.

Cary Gersh updated the membership regarding website issues:

Members are always welcomed to submit photos, stories, etc for posting on the Club's website.

Cary is starting a database that lists vendors, service providers for MG items. As these people/businesses get listed, members are encouraged to provide their personal review of the business based on their experience.

Cary agreed to provide website links to other useful MG websites.

General suggestion included the following:

The Club should consider hosting a GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) in the next 2-4 years. Participating in this summer's GOF in Ohio will provide a lot of first-hand experience in preparation for hosting an event. (Roger Melton)

Dues should be increased a modest amount. (Roger Melton)

Consider awarding a small "favor" for participating in club events. Something like a drink coaster, or token (but practical) gift would be nice. (Roger Melton)

Guy St. John commented that the University Motors (John Twist) auction last week attracted 130 people and that everything sold. John will likely continue to do work on carburetors and gearboxes (carbs and transmission for the Yanks among us).

Sandy brought photos of six MG items for the members to guess on. The photos themselves were clear, but the object in the photo proved to be challenging.

The results of the MGeezer quiz are as follows:

Item #1: Exhaust Pipe Bracket - Dick Axford

Item #2: Clutch Return Springs – Tom Norman

Item #3: Hub Puller – Roger Melton

Item #4: Windscreen Stanchion and Mirror – Lee Jacobson

Item #5: MGTF Carburetor Adapters for Synchronizer- Catherine Boyle

Item #6: Drain Plug – Larry Kuivenhoven

Winners chose from several food and beverage items Sandy provided.

January 5, 2010 will be the next membership meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman  
Recording Secretary