

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

Attending the meeting were the following:

Sandy Kuivenhoven*	George Patrick	* Drove MG T
Larry Kuivenhoven	Rita Patrick	
Shari Pelic	Beverley Martin	** Drove Jaguar
Lou VanKoningsveld	Roger Melton*	
Richard Quick***	Terry Frisch	*** New Members
Betsy Quick***	Cary Gersh*	
Tom Booth	Lee Jacobsen	
Lois Booth	Tom Norman*	
Guy St. John**		

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

New members were recognized as follows:

Richard and Betsy Quick , as new members, said they had been recruited at the recent Motor Muster at the Henry Ford. They have a 1953 MGTD Mk II, and have owned it since 1961. Unfortunately, the car has been in storage for 35 years. Fortunately, Richard and Betsy are now beginning the process of bringing the TD back to life. They brought several photos of their car showing its current state of restoration.

The meeting minutes from the August meeting were approved. George Patrick made the motion, and Lou VanKoningsveld seconded.

Sandy brought up two business items needing approval from the general membership:

1. The “Publisher” software that Shari Pelic uses to do the T-Times needs to be replaced. The current software package has been installed on several computers already, and can no longer be used (legally). The cost of a new software package is about \$150.00. The Membership approved this expense.
2. The food and refreshments at the recent Alden Sports Car Show were provided by Andy Hanzel. Andy had offered to fund these items himself, but some of the Board Members felt that the Club should cover these expenses. The Membership approved \$150.00 for these expenses.

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.

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

Cash on hand: \$9,646.55
August income: \$75.00
August expenses: \$33.00

Shari Pelic reviewed some of the upcoming events:

Battle of the Brits –9-13-09. The “battle” of whether MGs outnumber Triumphs is very close. Club members that attend should look for our Club's banner and park together, if possible. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided by the Club.

Frankenmuth Oktoberfest – 9-19/20 – 09. Some Club members plan to attend, but no plans to set up as a Club.

Chili Cook-off – 9-27-09. This will be in Hines Park, and will feature competitors from our Club competing with the Windsor-Detroit MG Club to see who makes the best chili. Each attendee will be given a “voting token” that the competitors will be trying to gather, in their quest for being crowned the winner.

Clifford Schnell Memorial Fall Color Tour – 10-17/18 – 09. This two day event will begin in Northville, travel through Chelsea, and end in Marshall for an overnight stay. A group dinner at Win Scheuler's is planned. Roger Melton is finalizing the trip route.

Hibernation Party – 12-5-09. This annual dinner party will be held at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth. The per-person cost will be about the same as last year. Personalized invitations will be placed in the mail to the Membership, giving everyone the opportunity to RSVP and choose their dinner entre(s). Roger Melton, by popular acclaim, agreed to once again be the auctioneer for donated items. Donated items may be car-related, or simply something that would be worth bidding on.

Andy Hanzel was not in attendance, so a personal update on Membership was not available. Those attending the meeting received their copy of the T-Times, with an enclosure showing who the newest members are. The current Club membership stands at “about” 77, but no one is sure of the number at this point in time.

Cary Gersh updated the group on the Club's website. If any members have photos they would like to post, simply forward them to Cary. There is now a Buy/Sell section for cars and parts if any members are interested.

The next deadline for the T-Times is 11-1-09. Any and all articles are appreciated. Technical issues, as well as personal stories are welcomed. Send you items to Shari Pelic.

The theme for the October meeting will be "Halloween Hats". Bring your best (or worst), for all to see and enjoy.

Some of the Membership that attended the recent Alden Sports Car Show marveled at the popularity of the refreshment called "Joose". From the discussion, many gave it a try. Lou VanKoningsveld said it's "very tasty". Research into Joose has revealed that it is 10 % alcohol, and a pant load of caffeine. It comes in 24 oz cans. Someone asked if this might be considered as the Club's official beverage. Consensus could not be reached, so that topic will need to be revisited at a future meeting.

The 50/50 drawing raised \$26.00. Shari Pelic had the winning ticket and took home \$13.00. Rita Patrick did another stellar job of selling tickets throughout the evening. Follow-up raffle winners of assorted car-cleaning products included the following:

Mr. Lucky Terry Frisch (two items)

Lou VanKoningsveld

Larry Kuivenhoven

Tom Booth

(Sorry, I missed who received the final prize of the Magnesium & Aluminum polish. They won with ticket number 546. That's all I know.)

Richard Quick commented that he had attended the parts sale at University Motors, but that there were very little, if any, T-series parts. There will be an auction in October, and it is believed that the shop tools and equipment will be included at that time.

Sandy Kuivenhoven was able to secure some neat free samples of shop towels, and gave everyone attending the meeting at least one package. It pays to attend the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Many of the members later assembled in front of the restaurant to chat about the cars that came to meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Norman – Recording Secretary