

Michigan MG T Chapter General Membership Meeting

Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, Michigan

May 3, 2011

**Attendees:**

John Gervasi	Mary Beth Gervasi	Tom Booth
Mark Aldrich	Richard Quick	Lois Booth
Linda Northrup*	Betsy Quick	Doyle Meredith
Jim Northrup	Pat Horger	Pat McHugh
Bob Tapert	Maurice Horger	Guy St. John
Shari Pelic	Beverley Martin	Bill Larson
Sandy Kuivenhoven	Roger Melton	Tom Parent
Larry Kuivenhoven	Gene Ledbetter	Lee Jacobsen
Rita Patrick	Andy Abraham	Lou VanKoningsveld
George Patrick	Dick Cywinski	Frank Blaydon
Cary Gersh	Dan Wilkers	John Boyle
Cheryl Wilkers	Tom Norman	

*\*Drove a T Car*

Linda Northrup is recognized as being the ONLY person to drive their T car. Nicely done, Linda.

The meeting started informally at 7:30 PM with an announcement that Eric Richardson had brought one of his British motorcycles for show-and-tell. Many of the members proceeded to the parking lot to review Eric's 1940 BSA. It's a single cylinder, military issue, unrestored bike. Eric estimates it has between 12 and 13 horsepower. Top speed is claimed to be about 40 MPH. Many thanks to Eric for taking the time to load up his machine and trailer it to the meeting.

Sandy called the regular meeting to order at 7:45 PM. The April meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Sandy asked the new member, Doyle Meredith, to stand and tell the group about himself. Doyle lives in Clinton Township and has a 1954 MGTF 1500 he recently bought in New Jersey. The car is apart, but Doyle is willing and ready to begin the restoration and re-assembly.

Dan and Cheryl Wilkers re-introduced themselves as relatively new members. Dan and Cheryl have a MGTD, a 1974 MGB, and a 1978 MGB.

**Chairman Report:** Sandy Kuivenhoven

The Club now has accounts at Staples and Gordon Food Services. Sandy mentioned that she was impressed with Linda Northrup driving her T car to the meeting in less-than-perfect weather.

**Co-Chairman Report:** Roger Melton

There is good progress on the upcoming GOF in Kalamazoo. Roger encouraged everyone to get going with their registration for the event. Many volunteers will be needed, so be ready to pitch in and help.

**Treasurer Report:** Lou VanKoningsveld

The Club has \$4264 in the regular account, and \$2660 in the GOF account. There is about \$2100 sitting in PayPal that will be transferred soon. Lou reminded everyone that regalia is still available in the form of Patches (\$5.00 ea) and Car Badges (\$20.00 ea).

**Membership Report:** Tom Sorensen

There are now 79 memberships in the Club creating a total of 167 members. Mike Jones has recently signed up with his 1953 MGTD.

**Website Report:** Cary Gersh

The Club's library material listing is now being put on the website. The Forum will now replace the former Google-Group site for members to share their thoughts.

**Library Report:** Lee Jacobsen

Lee said that Cary stole what he wanted to say about the library materials.

**Events Report:** Shari Pelic

Tech Session at Richard & Betsy Quick's home May 21. They would like everyone to attend and review their 1953 MGTD. They welcome comments, suggestions, tips, and expertise for their car. Lunch will be provided. If planning to attend, please call to confirm.

Champagne Brunch at Lee & Karen Jacobsen's home May 28. It will run from about 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It will be catered so that Lee and Karen can spend more time with the guests. Club members should expect to get a personal invitation in the mail in the next week or so.

Michigan International Speedway (MIS) Weekend June 4 & 5. Saturday begins with a late breakfast at Harolds at 10:00 AM. Track time starts about noon. There will be a group dinner, but the place has not been picked yet. Following dinner, the group will visit the Cascade Falls attraction. Sunday includes the Jackson Rose Queen Parade. All MG Ts are welcomed and may possibly get to carry some of the Queens in the parade.

Motor Muster at the Henry Ford June 18 & 19. Get your applications in soon.

Mad Dogs & Englishmen at the Gilmore Museum July 10.

Fall Color Tour. Pat McHugh is putting together some proposals. One is going to Oscoda and stay in cabins on the water. Driving your T car is NOT a requirement to attend.

Hibernation Party. Everyone agreed that Karl's Cabin would be a great place to have the party. The last two years there have been wonderful.

Sunday Brunch Run: Beverley Martin volunteered to set up a Sunday Run for brunch. The Holly Hotel is always a favorite destination.

### **Suggestions and Solutions**

Shari Pelic shared with the group that she can now power her GPS in the TC by using a stand-alone 12v battery. This gets past the positive ground issues, and does not wear down the regular car battery. Shari also commented that Radio Shack sells a cigar lighter adapter that clips onto the battery. This lets you plug the GPS into the adapter for power. See Shari if you need a compact 12v battery. Her business gets them from time-to-time after the batteries are force into retirement due to age.

50/50 Raffle. Betsy Quick won half of the \$50 collection, leaving her a whopping \$25. Follow-up prizes were won by Frank Blaydon, Lou VanKoningsveld, Beverley Martin, and Pat McHugh.

The June meeting will include serving chocolate ice cream in the parking lot.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Then everyone went out to see Linda Northrup's car. Did we mention that she was the ONLY person to drive their T car to the meeting?

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman

Recording Secretary