

Michigan MGT Chapter General Membership Meeting

Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, Michigan

September 6, 2011

Attendees:

Doyle Meredith	Shari Pelic	Eric Richardson
Manley Ford	Guy St. John	John Marsh
Sandy Kuivenhoven*	George Patrick	Sheila Marsh
Rita Patrick	Pat Horger	Maurice Horger
Jim Northrup	Bill Larson	Tom Sorensen
Linda Northrup*	Tom Parent	John Gervasi*
Lee Jacobsen	Mark Aldrich	Mary Gervasi
Jim Mueller	Pat Mc Hugh	Marcia Mc Hugh
Lou VanKoningsveld	Bob Tapert	Elaine VanKoningsveld

Tom Norman\*

\*Drove a T Car

Sandy Kuivenhoven called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Many thanks to Lou VanKoningsveld for taking notes while Tom Norman was out of town for the August meeting. Meeting minutes for the July meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting. At that point, everything should be caught up with the minutes.

Chairman's Report: Sandy Kuivenhoven

Sandy introduced Manley Ford and asked him to update the membership regarding upcoming vintage car racing events. Manley is headed to Watkins Glen, New York this weekend to participate in the Collier Cup Race. Last week, he raced at Lime Rock. Next year there will be a race at Graton Raceway near Grand Rapids in the third week of August. Finally, Put-in-Bay will host an event in early July next year to commemorate the historic (now vintage) racing that took place there in the 1950's and 60's.

Sandy updated the membership regarding the recovery of Mike Liberty. As some may have heard, Mike contracted a serious virus while on a business trip to Paris, France. The illness affected his nervous system and required inducing a coma to facilitate his recovery. Mike has now returned to the United States and is recovering on schedule at the U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. Doctors say they expect full recovery by the end of this year. Best wishes to Mike (and his wife Gail) for a fast and full recovery.

The Club's "Founder's Award" was once again presented to Maurice Horger following repair of the trophy. Putting glass pieces together with glue proved to be a challenge. The trophy was re-assembled using some industrial strength double-sided tape. Thanks go to Lee Jacobsen for the repair to the trophy.

Sandy asked the membership if there was interest in building our own Valve Cover Race Track. Several members raised their hands, and volunteered for the task. Lee Jacobsen offered his shop in Livonia as a point of manufacturing the Track. It was suggested that the Track could be a frequent visitor to the monthly meetings, and let owners of Valve Cover Racers tune up their creation. With proper tuning, the Club might field some contenders at next year's GoF in Chicago.

Finally, Sandy announced that several candidates have thrown their hat in the ring for the elected positions in the Club. Tom Sorensen has agreed to run for the Membership position. Sandy Kuivenhoven has agreed to run once again as the Club's Chairman. Tom Norman has agreed to run for the position of Recording Secretary. The positions of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer are still wide open for anyone interested in contributing their time to benefit the Club. Elections will take place at the Club's Annual Meeting (Hibernation Party) on January 21, 2012.

Vice-Chairman's Report: Roger Melton

No report due to Roger's absence.

Treasurer's Report: Lou VanKoningsveld

Lou reported that the Club had about \$1000 in the savings account. and about \$6500 in the checking account. All of the accounting for the recent GoF is complete. The Club came out ahead, with proceeds from the auctions providing most of the profit. Revenue from the attendee registrations balanced with the overall associated costs of the event. Nice job to those who created and managed the budget for the GoF.

Membership Report: Tom Sorensen

Tom reported that there are 83 memberships that represent 149 individuals. Fifty-seven percent of members belong to the National NEMGT Register. Among those celebrating their anniversary of Club membership were Bill and Hilda Larson who have been faithful members since 1977. The membership applauded their 34 years of Club membership.

Website: Cary Gersh

Cary was unable to attend the meeting, but passed along his report that he has prepared an article for the upcoming T-Times that explains how to access and use the new website.

Library: Lee Jacobsen

Lee reported that he has set up an area at his shop in Livonia to house the Club's library material and assorted tools.

Events: Shari Pelic

Shari reminded everyone that she and Sandy had prepared a special edition of the T-Times covering just the GoF. Members who attended already received their copy by mail. Extra copies were made available to any addition members that wished to see and read about the GoF.

The next issue of the T-Times will be sent out next week.

Flyers were passed out for next year's GoF in Chicago.

In celebrating a successful GoF, the Club's board decided to recognize several members that contributed in a large fashion. A special recognition award was presented to Jim Mueller for his outstanding efforts in providing Audio & Visual support for the entire GoF. The award was patterned after the car awards given out at the GoF. Everyone thanked Jim for his huge contribution to the success of the GoF. Other individuals recognized for their contribution were among the following: George Patrick, Rita Patrick, Tom Booth, Richard Quick, Tom Norman, Eric Richardson, Tom Sorensen, John Gervasi, Mary Gervasi, and Rick Peet.

Pictures of the GoF are now available for viewing on the website.

Upcoming Events: Shari Pelic

Battle of the Brits – Orchard Lake, Michigan. Sunday September 11

Fall Color Tour – Oscoda, Michigan. October 15 & 16. This annual event will include a Steamboat Cruise on Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Dinner will be at the Yacht Club. Members are reminded that you do not need to drive your MG to participate. Any car, modern or old, is welcomed. Members interested in attending should contact either Pat

Mc Hugh or Shari Pelic. Final count is needed by about October 1. Shari and Sandy will be meeting Saturday morning at 15 Mile and Haggerty (Meijer's parking lot) for a group departure at 9:00 am. Those wishing to join along the way should contact Shari or Sandy.

Hibernation Party (and Annual Meeting) - Plymouth, Michigan. The date has been set for this fun-filled event as January 21, 2012. It will again be held at Karl's Cabin, in Plymouth, Michigan. Invitations will be sent in late November. Participation may be limited, so plan on getting your name(s) in early.

50/50 Raffle.

Guy St. John won a whopping \$18.50 for his winning ticket. As usual, George and Rita Patrick did a stellar job of ticket sales. Other winners included Mary Gervasi and Sheila Marsh who were given choices of polos, hats, or T-shirts from the GoF.

The next meeting will be October 4. Don't forget to wear your Halloween Hat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman

Recording Secretary