

Michigan Chapter of the New England MG T Register

May 1, 2012

Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Attendees:

Larry Kuivenhoven	Tom Booth	Sandy Kuivenhoven
Lois Booth	Shari Pelic	Gail Liberty
Lee Jacobsen	Mike Liberty	Larry Moffit
Debbie Moffit	Jim Northrup	*Linda Northrup
Pat McHugh	Lou VonKoningsveld	George Patrick
Mike Jones	Elaine VanKoningsveld	Rita Patrick
Richard Quick	Guy St. John	Betsy Quick
Dick Cywinski	Cary Gersh	Bob Tapert
Tom Sorensen	Bill Larson	Tom Parent
Doyle Meridith	John Gervasi	Tom Norman

*Drove a "T" car to the meeting.

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

The meeting minutes from the April membership meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sandy recognized two new members attending the meeting. Larry and Debbie Moffit were introduced and asked to tell the Club something about themselves. They live in Lapeer county and are currently restoring a 1947 TC. The TC engine is currently in Grand Rapids undergoing repair, and could use a better set of connecting rods. Members of the club that have a good set of XPAG rods for sale might want to contact Larry and Debbie. They also have an MGB and a TD that Larry has owned since he was 18 years old.

Welcome, Larry and Debbie.

Chairman's Report: Sandy Kuivenhoven

Sandy reported that Terry Frisch told her about a fundraiser for cancer research. Look for the MG at the Concours of America July 29. Donors can sign the car. During Sandy's report, John Gervasi commented that he had several recent issues of the North American Classic MG magazines he would give to whomever wanted them. They were quickly snapped up by several Club members.

Vice-Chairman's Report: Mike Liberty

Mike reported that he has an opportunity to get the Club invited to tour the Lingenfelter car collection near Kensington Park. The collection consists of three general groups of cars: Exotics, Corvettes, and muscle cars. More to follow regarding touring this great collection.

Treasurer's Report: Lou VonKoningsveld

Lou reported that the Club still has over \$10,000 in the accounts. The PayPal account has now been transferred into the Club's checking account.

Membership Report: Tom Sorensen

Tom reported that the Club now has 68 paid memberships, representing 123 people. About 65% of the members are also members of the New England MGT Register.

Website Report: Cary Gersh

Cary reported that not much is new to report. He said that he will be adding the calendar events to the website soon. The Forum has not seen a lot of activity lately. Members are encouraged to start using it for general discussions. Cary reported that only about a third of the Club's membership has signed-on for the Forum so far. After several years of service, the Club's Google Group page will be discontinued.

T-Times Report: Shari Pelic

Shari reported that the T-Times mailing has suffered some delays, but will go out soon.

Librarian's Report: Lee Jacobsen

Lee reported that there is now a listing of all the library materials on-line in the Club's website. Eric Richardson has donated yet another book to the library. Many thanks to Eric, for his generosity.

Events Report: Shari Pelic

Tech Session: The recent Tech Session at Gene Ledbetter's restoration shop was a success. Although no real work was done on any of the MGs present, the Club had a wonderful tour of Gene's shop and got a look at many of the projects underway. One of the projects was Lee Jacobsen's 1932 Packard Roadster that has just begun its journey on the path to full restoration.

The Club's annual Champagne Brunch will be on May 20 at Lee and Karen Jacobsen's home in Dearborn. They also hosted last year's Brunch, which was a smashing success. Invitations will be mailed to the membership soon.

The Motor Muster at the Henry Ford will be June 16 & 17. Eric Richardson will be bringing several of his vintage Military Vehicles. Shari Pelic reminded the members that if they are attending, but not entering a car, that extra gate passes are readily available from those entering a car. This could save about \$20 per person. Contact Shari if this is of interest to you.

For information regarding the Fort Street Cruise, contact Pat McHugh or George Patrick for details. There may be some changes this year due to construction along the regular route.

The GOF Central this year will be in July, and hosted by the Chicago MG T Club in the town of St. Charles (suburb of Chicago).

It was mentioned that a trip to the Heritage Museum Village in Ontario would be a good trip. It's only about 25 minutes from the Ambassador Bridge.

At the June Club meeting, there will be discussion about getting the Club cars ready to attend the GOF in Illinois this July.

The Club's trip to the Michigan International Speedway (MIS) is TBD.

This year's Fall Colour Tour may take place in Ohio. More to follow.

Other business

The general design of the Valve Cover Race Track is finalized. Construction can begin. Someone suggested that the Club initiate a trophy for a racing contest between the Minnesota Club and our Club. More to follow.

Mike Liberty and Pat McHugh are reviewing the Club's constitution and by-laws. Several members have submitted drafts aimed at cleaning up these documents.

50/50 Drawing

Linda Northrup won \$26.00. Good job, Linda. Gail Liberty and John Gervasi each won some coupons for the Dairy Queen.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Guest Speaker: Kenny Feinn

Kenny Feinn from Feinn Wheels & Tires in Livonia spoke to the members about all things Wheels & Tires. Tips like checking wheels for trueness before painting them made sense. It's always best to use tubes in MG tires. From some member comments, they have been driving their car using tubeless tires on the original MG rims. That's not too good. Using high quality tubes like those from Michelin give the best results. Cheaper tubes don't hold up as well. And finally, don't use "Flat-Fix" on a tubed tire. It will ruin the tube for re-use. Simple patching works best for the tube repair.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman

Recording Secretary