

Michigan Chapter of the New England MG T Register

August 7, 2012

Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Attendees:

Larry Kuivenhoven	Tom Booth	Sandy Kuivenhoven*
Lois Booth	Shari Pelic	Gail Liberty
Mike Liberty	Jim Northrup	Ken Klemmer
Linda Northrup*	Lou VanKoningsveld	Elaine VanKoningsveld
Bob Ruzzin	Guy St. John	Tom Sorensen
Richard Quick	Betsy Quick	Malcolm Castle
Bob Tapert	Gene Ledbetter	Roger Melton*
Beverley Martin	Bill Larson	Tom Parent
Andy Abraham*	Rita Patrick	George Patrick
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 July membership meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sandy recognized Malcolm Castle as one of the Club's founding members. Malcolm reported that recent knee problems have kept him out of his TC. So far, he has logged about 367,000 miles in his MGs. Malcolm went on to say that in his years with the Club, it more about the people than the cars. He said he is pleased to be a life member of the Club (but declined the invitation to run for the Chairman's position at the next election).

Malcolm's motto these days is "Enjoy it while you can". It was interesting to hear Malcolm recall how the Central GOF got started back in the late 1970's. It happened that the Michigan Club was hosting a NEMGT GOF, and during an elevator ride with one of the Minnesota MG owners, it was suggested that the Central states hold their own GOF rather than continuing to travel the east coast for most of the GOFs.

Our newest member, Ken Klemmer, related that he is actively on the trail of a red 1951 TD located in Florida. He will soon fly to Florida and inspect the car, with the hopes of bringing it home to Michigan. More to follow on Ken's adventure.

Chairman's Report: Sandy Kuivenhoven

Sandy updated the group regarding the progress of the amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Club. She intends to send out an E-Mail with the proposed changes for all to review. The overall plan is to get these documents in shape for the final approval at the January annual meeting (Hibernation Party).

Vice-Chairman's Report: Mike Liberty

Mike reported that after attending the recent GOF near Chicago, he and Gail were able to visit family members in Minnesota.

Treasurer's Report: Lou VanKoningsveld

Lou reported that the Club has \$9150.97 in the accounts. There is \$1000 in the savings account, and \$8150.97 in the checking account.

Membership Report: Tom Sorensen

Tom reported that the Club now has 72 paid memberships, representing 130 people.

If anyone is in need of a Club name badge, please see Tom.

Website Report: Cary Gersh

Cary was absent and unable to report on web matters.

T-Times Report: Shari Pelic

This upcoming issue will be HUGE. Be ready for some good stuff.

Librarian's Report: Lee Jacobsen

Lee was absent and unable to report in person. However, he had passed along to Sandy that the library is in good shape at his Market Street office (Livonia). He has donated another book to the library that he won at the recent GOF in Chicago. Lee was tied up with his wife's campaign for U.S. Representative.

Events Report: Shari Pelic

The recent GOF in St. Charles, Illinois (aka Chicago):

Sandy reported that the following Club members attended the GOF:

George and Rita Patrick
Mike and Gail Liberty
Sandy and Larry Kuivenhoven
Shari Pelic
Eric Richardson

The Paul Johnson Award went to Chicago.

Lee Jacobsen took second place in the Valve Cover Races, losing in a very close contest that involved an unprecedented 4th heat to determine the winner by less than 1/16th of an inch.

The banquet served a mysterious meat dish, with Rita Patrick sure that it was chicken.

Other upcoming events:

Alden Sports Car Show – August 10 and 11 in Alden, Michigan (Torch Lake)

Battle of the Brits – Cancelled at St. Mary's, but reconstituted at Camp Dearborn in a much less structured manner.

Sloan Museum Car Show – TDB

Put-in-Bay Ohio Car Races – September 20

Oscoda Tour – September 29, 30. Another name for this event is the “wasted” weekend. The cabins will be \$95/night. There will be a bonfire on the beach. Dinner will be at a local brew pub. Sunday will be the River Boat Ride.

The October Club meeting will have the theme “Halloween Hat”. Bring your best.

Fall Colour Tour - October 19,20, 21. The trip will go through Ohio and take in several covered bridges.

Hibernation Party (Annual Meeting) – January 19, 2013 at Karl’s Cabin in Plymouth.

General Comments:

Jim Northrup brought in one of the precision crankshafts made by Mouldex. This is the same company that the Club toured several weeks ago. Jim showed everyone the steel crankshaft made from a billet of steel. He reminded everyone that the Club gets a discount with Mouldex. He stated that Mouldex also makes roller-follower camshafts for the MG. This kit runs about \$1400.

Car updates from the members:

Tom Booth reported no progress in reassembling his TF, but that he has been buying parts.

Richard Quick reported that he had his TD wheels sandblasted and painted. Thanks to Bob Ruzzin, the “new” wheels have tires on them.

Lou VanKoningsveld reported that his TD is now “on wheels”.

Guy St. John reported that he took a set of wire wheels to Michigan Sandblasting recently for cleaning and painting. The cost was about \$100/wheel for blasting and painting. After a few days, some rust appeared on the wheels where the paint had been very thin. He took them back and Michigan Sandblasting made things right. They even gave the wheels a free clear coat for having messed up the first time. Guy then reported that Discount Tire would not mount the tires to the fresh wheels. They absolutely refused to put tubes in tubeless tires. Guy took everything to Feinn Tire where they did a superb job.

50/50 Drawing

Ticket 614030 won Andy Abraham \$20. Cans of beans went to Mike Liberty, Linda Northrup, and Guy St. John.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman

Recording Secretary