

Michigan Chapter of the New England MG T Register

October 2, 2012

Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Attendees:

Larry Kuivenhoven	Tom Booth	Sandy Kuivenhoven*
Lois Booth	Shari Pelic	Mike Jones
Jim Northrup	Linda Northrup*	Lee Jacobsen
Bob Ruzzin	Lou VanKoningsveld	Elaine VanKoningsveld
Rita Patrick	Guy St. John	Tom Sorensen
Eric Richardson	Dick Cywinski	Patricia Cywinski
Bob Tapert	Gene Ledbetter	Betsy Quick
Richard Quick	Bill Larson	Tom Parent
Mark Aldrich	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 August membership meeting were reviewed and approved for the second time. Evidently, the August minutes were attached for review instead of the September minutes. The September and October minutes will be presented at the November meeting to get caught up with things.

There were no visitors to recognize. However, Dick Cywinski's wife Patricia accompanied him to the meeting. This was Patricia's first meeting to attend. Welcome, Patricia.

Chairman's Report: Sandy Kuivenhoven

Sandy reported that Linda Northrup has challenged all members to actually drive their cars to the monthly meetings, as well as other Club events. Sandy asked for some of the members' progress reports and got the following responses:

Lou VanKoningsveld- Lou had his TD radiator redone by Master Radiator in Waterford and was very pleased with the result.

Richard Quick- Richard is getting ready to sandblast his lower control arms for his TD. The running boards are now off the car, as are the rear fenders. He has bent up his new brake lines and needs to install them on the car. In taking off the front engine cover, he admits that he wrecked a portion of the oil pan gasket and now needs to remove the oil pan and fix it up with a new gasket. Finally, Richard has cleaned up all the brakes. Nice job. Plenty of progress.

Tom Booth- Tom lowered his head and admitted that he has made no further progress on his TF.

Lee Jacobsen- Lee said that his infamous "TF 1500" is going back together. Lee smiles when he explains that the car is really a TF 1250, but the serial number is 1500. So, he's not really lying about having a "TF 1500".

Eric Richardson- Eric's TC restoration is underway with the help of Andy Hanzel.

Linda Northrup- Linda (with help from Jim) reported having added some foam sealer to the top of the windshield. That's the windscreen for those Brits in the audience.

Bob Ruzzin- Bob didn't have anything new on his car, but asked the attending members about adding Stabil to the gas tank for winter storage. There were no negative comments about Stabil, but other members suggested draining the carb and/or fuel tank to be absolutely safe.

Gene Ledbetter- Gene has seen some unfortunate deterioration in fuel system parts at his restoration shop traced back to the new fuels on the market. Members were cautioned to be aware of seals and gaskets in the fuel system that may take a hit.

Dick Cywinski- Dick suggested to the members it's a good practice to prime the oil system following a long-term storage. Several members suggested unhooking the ignition coil and hand cranking the engine to get the oil up into the engine.

Sandy concluded her report reminding members that Club information packets were available to give to prospective members.

Vice-Chairman's Report: Mike Liberty

Mike was unable to attend the meeting, and did not forward a report.

Treasurer's Report: Lou VanKoningsveld

Lou reported that the Club has \$8550.00 in the accounts. There is \$1000 in the savings account, and \$7550.00 in the checking account.

Membership Report: Tom Sorensen

Tom reported that the Club now 131 people. The newest member is Roger Williams. Roger said in his application that he is looking to acquire a good "driver" T Car. Members are encouraged to contact Roger if they have a lead on such a car.

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

The next edition will be published as soon as the pictures from the Oscoda trip are finalized.

Librarian's Report: Lee Jacobsen

The library is in good shape at his Market Street office (Livonia). Several books have been added to the collection.

Events Report: Shari Pelic

The Oscoda trip turned out to be a really fun event. Next year, it might be possible to visit the race track nearby and exercise the T's. Eight members attended the event, bringing two T cars. Speaking of races, it appears that Sandy and Shari had their own race on the beach to see who could run the fastest. Allegedly, Sandy won but had to overcome being pushed down into the sand by Shari. There must have been a substitute referee on-hand who missed this flagrant foul. Finally, it was reported that the cabin where a person died last year (not one of ours) was empty this year.

Upcoming events:

Fall Colour Tour - October 19,20, 21. The trip will go through Ohio and take in several covered bridges. Pictures of those attending will be made into a calendar (the cars, that is ... maybe or maybe not the people). Accomodations will be at the Quality Inn in Tiffin, Ohio. On Saturday, the group will tour at least six covered bridges. A group dinner is planned, also.

Tech Sessions – Lee Jacobsen has offered to host a Tech Session at his Market St. business for those wishing to build a Valve Cover Racer. Details to follow.

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

Other business:

Sandy opened the discussion regarding the election of Club officers at the January annual meeting. So far, the following people have agreed to run for office:

Chairman: Sandy Kuivenhoven

Vice-Chairman: Mike Liberty

Membership: Tom Sorensen

Treasurer: Shari Pelic

Recording Secretary: No volunteers (yet)

Halloween Hat Contest

Finalists for the best Men’s hat were Larry Kuivenhoven and Dick Cywinski. Dick won the prize with his creepy (in a good way) spider hat. Finalists in the Ladies division were Rita Patrick and Sandy Kuivenhoven. Rita won the event in a close vote.

50/50 Drawing

There was no drawing this time.

Other business

Richard Quick informed the group that he had the opportunity to attend the races at Put-in-Bay Ohio recently. He said he parked is car and rode a bicycle to the actual event. There were 5 to 6 cars per group. Richard spotted one TD and at least three MGAs in the field. Unfortunately, the TD did not participate in the races. Manley Ford was seen driving a Lotus. As far as the town itself, many of the shops were already closed for the season.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman

Recording Secretary