

Michigan Chapter of the New England MG T Register

August 5, 2013

Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Attendees:

Larry Kuivenhoven	Sandy Kuivenhoven	Tom Booth*
Lois Booth	Shari Pelic	Dirk van den Muijsenberg*
Heather CaSaroll	John Diekis	Mike Jones
Jim Northrup	Melody Klemmer	Mark Aldrich
Linda Northrup*	Lou VanKoningsveld	Elaine VanKoningsveld
Bob Ruzzin	Larry Pittman	Mitzi Pittman
Bruce Mann	Willie Mann	Tom Sorensen
Bob Tapert	Gene Ledbetter	Roger Melton*
John Gervasi	Mary Gervasi	Beverley Martin
Rita Patrick	George Patrick	Dick Cywinski
Lee Jacobsen	Tom Norman	

*Drove their MG "T"

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

The July meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

John Diekis was recognized for attending the meeting. John has been a Club member for a long time, but is not often able to attend the monthly meetings. Nice to see you.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sandy Kuivenhoven

Sandy reported that the Club's insurance policy has been renewed at a cost of \$350.00. She also reported that Michael Jackson's MG has now arrived in Russia and will be placed on display in a car museum.

People attending the recent GOF in St. Louis were asked to comment on their experience.

Attendees included John and Mary Gervasi, Lee Jacobsen, Linda and Jim Northrup, and George and Rita Patrick.

John Gervasi commented that he and Mary took home the "2nd in Class" for his TD. He went on to say that 58 cars participated. There was no rain, but it was very HOT. The Embassy Suites hotel was very nice, and had an open bar from 5 to 7PM. John's car held up very well on the trip except for the Moss shifter knob that broke and fell off. Luckily, John had his old shifter knob with him and reinstalled it. John and Mary called this their "cornfield" tour since they stayed off the freeways and took the smaller roads to St. Louis.

Lee Jacobsen reported that he trailered his MGSA and was able to bring home a "1st in Class" award for the car. For some reason, the show had a class for car trailers, which allowed Lee to bring home a "2nd in Class" for his trailer.

Jim and Linda Northrup brought home a "1st in Class" for their modified TD. They also got the "2nd in Class" for their Valve Cover racer in the display.

Next year, the Central GOF will take place in Minnesota at a private resort. There was also mention of an eastern GOF taking place late in September somewhere in the Finger Lakes area of New York.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mike Liberty

Mike was not at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shari Pelic

The Club has approximately \$8300 on hand in the treasury.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Tom Sorensen

There are 72 memberships and 130 members. Tom also displayed a nicely crafted metal emblem he bought recently featuring the MG logo.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Cary Gersh

Cary did not attend the meeting.

T-TIMES REPORT: Shari Pelic

Shari was pleased to announce that the latest version of the T-Times will be sent by the end of the week.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Lee Jacobsen

The library resides with Lee at his Market Street office in Livonia.

EVENTS REPORT: Shari Pelic

The Alden Sports Car Show will take place August 11 in northern Michigan.

The first-of-its-kind British gathering in Frankenmuth will be the weekend of August 17-18.

The Club has arranged to use the local race track for 6 hours on Saturday. There will be a tour of the brewery on Sunday. The Club has arranged special room rates at the Bavarian Inn.

The Put-in-Bay Road Race Reunion will take place August 27-28-29. This is near Cleveland.

The annual Battle of the Brits will again be at Camp Dearborn on September 8.

The Club's Fall Colour Tour will be October 6 and be a one day trip to Marshall, MI. If the weather is not cooperating, the date may change to October 13.

The Club's Covered Bridge Tour will run October 18-20.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Sandy asked for volunteers to update the Club on their car projects.

Lou and Elaine VanKoningsveld were pleased to report that the TD body is now on the frame. The front and rear suspension parts are on the car. The doors are done (new wood). The carburetors are done. The chrome is done. The engine is rebuilt.

Tom and Lois Booth thanked everyone who came over to their house to help the TF project along. They were able to bring their TF to the meeting. This car was last driven 47 years ago.

Larry and Mitzi Pittman reported that his TD has been painted. The chassis is nearly done. The engine has been rebuilt.

George and Rita Patrick announced that their TD engine was running but that there are some oil leaks that need to be tracked down and fixed.

Gene Ledbetter was proud to report that his recently acquired MGA is having its body stripped for repainting. The new color will be black, with light green interior. He has redone the wood dash panel that came with the car, and has wood grained over the wood for a nicer look. The carburetors have been tuned up. Gene plans to use the old style narrow tires with a thin double white wall. Gene is also considering adding a supercharger to the MGA. He concluded his report with the announcement that he has hired on Dave Brown at Complete Auto Restoration. Dave has had considerable experience with classic cars.

Although he was unable to attend the meeting, it was reported that Jim Mueller is adding a supercharger to his TD

50/50 DRAWING:

Tom Sorensen won top prize netting \$21.50. Mike Jones took the second prize, which was a four-pack of premium beers and two beer glasses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 to allow those interested to test their valve cover racers on the Club track set up in the banquet room of the restaurant.

The next meeting will be September 3, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman

(Filling in for Recording Secretary Richard Quick who was unable to attend the meeting.)