

Michigan Chapter of the New England MG T Register

April 1, 2014

Archies' Restaurant, Livonia, Michigan

Attendees:

Pat McHugh	Sandy Kuivenhoven	Tom Booth*
Lois Booth	Shari Pelic	Dirk van den Muijsenberg
Heather CaSaroll	Jim Northrup	Melody Klemmer
Mark Aldrich	Eric Richardson	Don Westphal
Linda Northrup*	Mike Liberty	Gail Liberty
Larry Pittman	Mitzi Pittman	Bruce Mann
Willie Mann	Bob Tapert	Gene Ledbetter
Roger Melton	Beverley Martin	George Patrick
Lee Jacobsen*	Guy St. John	Tom Norma

*Drove their MG "T"

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

The March 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Due to Richard Quick's travel plans, Tom Norman will fill in as the Recording Secretary for the April meeting, and Lou Van Koinigsveld will take notes for the May 2014 meeting.

Sandy Kuivenhoven introduced the Club's newest member Don Westphal. Don has memories of the Club from over 30 years ago, having attended several events. Back in 1964, Don had a TF1500 that he purchased for \$300. Finally in 2000, he completed the restoration. For various reasons, he had to let the car go, and now has another TF1500 he is working on. At the moment it is in pieces, and he is actively working on getting the rolling chassis done. He thinks the car could be on the road by next year. Good luck, and welcome back to the Club.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sandy Kuivenhoven

Sandy reported that the Club received a nice "Thank You" letter from Pet Rescue. They were the recipients of the Club's auction proceeds at the Hibernation (aka Annual Meeting) Party recently. They said they might be able to name one of their rescued pets after "Cliffie" in honor of our dearly departed Club member Cliff Schnell.

Membership packets were reviewed and made available to all of the members. It's good to keep several of these with you when you are out in your car. You never know when someone might approach you asking about club affiliations for the MG. New members keep the Club vibrant (and funded).

Sandy sadly reported that Mr. Hagerty, of Hagerty Insurance recently passed away.

She also reported that forms to enter your car in the Motor Muster at The Henry Ford were available. Lee Jacobsen added that entry forms could be accessed on-line and submitted on-line if one so desires.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shari Pelic

The Club has approximately \$7500 to 8000 on hand in the treasury. With dues arriving every few days, it is difficult to determine the exact figure in the Treasury as of the meeting

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ken Klemmer

About 70% of last year's members have paid their 2014 dues. Those of you that have not yet renewed need to do so soon. Ken said he will be contacting non-paying members in the near term. Avoid the "call". Renew your dues now.

Ken also reported that about 63% of the members are also signed up with the NEMGT Register.

He stated that one new member has joined named Dave Reiger (sp?) Welcome, Dave.

There are still 20 members that have signed up to receive paper copies rather than electronic copies of Club mailings.

The 2014 Membership Directory will be ready for distribution by the end of April. You need to pay your 2014 dues to be included in the Directory.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Cary Gersh

Cary did not attend the meeting. However, members have verified that the Club's website is up and running. More to follow at an upcoming meeting.

T-TIMES REPORT: Shari Pelic

Shari was pleased to announce that the latest version of the T-Times was published on time. There is always a need for articles. Any topic could work. Ken Klemmer announced that he had an article underway and could be ready to include in the next T-Times.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Lee Jacobsen

The library resides with Lee at his Market Street office in Livonia. While Lee had the floor, he suggested having a TF Tech Session at his shop sometime soon. It could be that his need to assemble his TF has something to do with the suggestion.

EVENTS REPORT: Shari Pelic

The annual Kimber Run is scheduled for April 12, 2014. The Windsor-Detroit Club MG organizes this each year and is always looking for participants. Unfortunately, their MGAs and MGBs tend to run down the road a bit faster than the T Series cars and makes for a constant game of "Catch-up". If you attend, be aware of the speed difference and be prepared to straggle in to the destination at the end of the procession.

The annual Champagne Brunch will take place at Melody and Ken Klemmer's home in Farmington Hills. Invitations will be going out in the mail in the next few weeks. The date is Sunday May 25, 2014.

There will be a Memorial Day parade in Novi this year. If you are interested in participating, contact Novi's website for more information.

The Motor Muster at The Henry Ford will take place on Father's Day weekend. It's a two day event and is an opportunity to see a huge variety of vintage cars as well as meet their owners.

There will be another Frankenmuth Weekend this summer, but the date has yet to be determined.

Due to its popularity, another Corn Maze event will be put together in September. Last year's participants may even get all of the corn stalks out of their cars by then. Lots of fun.

There is some interest in pulling together another Drive-In Movie event, but there is no date or location as of yet.

The Hibernation Party (and Annual Meeting) will take place on January 24, 2015 at The Garage restaurant in Northville. The event organizers want to make this a 1950's theme. Dust off those bobby socks and saddle shoes. If you have a poodle skirt, wear it (for the ladies only, please).

OPEN DISCUSSION:

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

Tom and Lois Booth reported that their TF is still driveable, but is not out on the road yet due to the weather.

Larry and Mitzi Pittman reported that their TD chassis is now done.

Bruce and Willie Mann reported that their car took a trip on a flatbed to the painter.

George Patrick reported that one of the core plugs on his TF popped out over the winter. He needs to investigate if there was any lasting damage done to the engine. More to follow.

Lee Jacobsen reported that his TF engine is now done and ready to install. He may be calling on Club members to do a "body lift" to literally put the car back together. This may be why Lee suggested a Tech Session for TFs at his shop sometime soon.

Lastly, Ken Klemmer said he had a virtually new car cover to fit the T cars for sale for \$30.

Other Big News:

Roger Melton recently asked Beverley Martin for her hand in marriage. She said "yes". Everyone sighed and applauded the announcement.

Technical Presentation – Jim Northrup

Jim masterfully shared his knowledge on welding with the group. Although he could not actually perform welding inside the restaurant, Jim brought with him various welding instruments such as welding torches, cutting torches, soldering torches, body solder sticks, arc welding tools, TIG welding tools, MIG welding tools, technical literature, and most of all his deep understanding of all things welding. Many thanks to Jim for taking the time to put on a great show about welding. The amazing part of this is that he and Linda arrived in their MGTD and had all this equipment with them in the car. Many thanks.

50/50 DRAWING:

Bruce Mann won \$22 in the drawing. This will help pay the painter for the TD

Special Event Auction:

Roger Melton was called upon to perform his magic in auctioning off a donated MGTD valve cover. It had been chrome plated, but was in exceptionally nice shape for a used item. Jim Northrup was ultimately the successful bidder at \$35, with some serious competition from Dirk van den Muijsenberg.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2014 at Archies' Restaurant in Livonia.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Norman

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