

NEMGT Michigan Chapter Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2008

Location: *John Cowley and Sons, Farmington*

Board Members Present:

Andy Hanzel, Roger Melton, Cary Gersh, Colin Stafford, Dick Bremer, Lou VanKoningsveld

Meeting called to order at 8 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Canopy/ice chest:** Lou offered to drive Lee's tent to Auburn. Shari may have discovered a collapsible ice chest that would be an improvement over styrofoam disposable alternatives. Andy will have a banner made.
- 2. Refreshment budget:** Andy proposed an annual budget of \$150 for refreshments at outdoor events. (Ice chest supplies) The amount was approved without objection by the general membership.
- 3. Champagne Brunch:** Colin will send invitations for June 8 brunch. Colin will advise recipients that acceptance of invitation is considered a tacit agreement of payment.
- 4. Bumper badges:** Shari found a source for cloisonné badges. Cliff is in possession of a dozen or so that he received from Phil Wiltshire.
- 5. Speaking engagement:** Andy will ask Malcolm Collum if he'd be interested in hosting a tour of the conservation facilities at The Henry Ford.
- 6. Swap meet:** Andy proposed the club host a swap meet in the fall.
- 7. Archivist:** Andy asked the membership if someone might be interested as serving as the club archivist. (The sound of shuffling feet was followed by a chorus of crickets.)
- 8. GOF Central:** Dick Bremer urged the membership to attend GOF Central in Auburn, adding, "breaking down is half the fun." Dick requested the club follow protocol and precedent by sending \$100 to the host site. The motion was approved without objection.
- 9. Hidden Gardens:** the Michigan Chapter sponsors this event but has opened it to other clubs, including the Austin Healy club, the Detroit Triumph club and the Windsor Detroit club. The event takes place on 5/24.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10. New members:** Alex and Sherri Taylor were introduced. They live in the Port Huron area.
- 11. Treasurer's report:** Dick Bremer reminded the club that dues account for approximately \$600/year in revenue. He suggested the club seek ways to enhance revenue, short of raising the dues. Potential sources suggested include regalia sales, hosting a swap meet and newsletter advertising. Dick said six members haven't paid their dues yet. He will make a final attempt to receive payment.
- 12. Richardson Trophy:** Andy bought the trophy and planned to get it gold plated. Dick motioned that the club reimburse Andy for the cost of plating (approx. \$60). Motion was approved.
- 13. Legacy sponsorships:** Andy suggested that members consider sponsoring long-time club members by underwriting the cost of membership as a way to keep older members engaged.
- 14. Fall color tour:** Pat McHugh spoke with Old Speckled Hens. They invited NEMGT-Michigan to join them on a color tour of Manistee area in the fall. The Hens might come to a club meeting to discuss it. Pat said he has access to some cottages in Oscoda.
- 15. Morse MG:** Jeff Morse is selling his deceased parent's '53 TD as well as the parts and spares in their collection. Jeff asked Pat McHugh and George Patrick to inventory the parts and provide an estimation of worth. Pat said Jeff would give the club first right of refusal on car and parts.
- 16. Calendar:** The Google calendar is managed by Andy. Colin asked how new events could be added and was informed that only the manager can edit the calendar unless special permission is granted. Andy asked that for the sake of expediency, all calendar items be sent to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 and was followed by a slide show, courtesy of Lou VanKoningsveld.

Next meeting: 5/6/08 at John Cowley and Sons, Farmington

Respectfully submitted,

Cary Gersh, Recording Secretary