

MGCC Jan 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. 2018 president Keith Kerr presiding.

“Who drove their MG tonight?” Stan & Eileen Edwards, Kevin Sherman & Shawn Bowman.

Welcome New Members and Guests: Shawn Bowman joined at tonight’s meeting. She purchased a 1973 MGB-GT 6 months ago. She also owns a Citroën Station Wagon. She is a Co-Owner of “Ax and Allies” vintage car repair shop. Her husband is not a car person but her Mom and Step Dad were. They were members of the Jaguar Club and raced RMVR.

Treasurer’s Report: Rich Weiskopf reported that the Club “Has Money” but showed a loss for the 2017 fiscal year. Mostly due to the Rallye Glenwood Springs. The club should try to adjust expenses to try to come closer to breaking even each year. The good news is we will not have to pay any Federal taxes for 2017. Rich stated that the club books are always available for inspection.

Membership Report: Al Wulf reported that the club currently has 218 member families. He noted that 4 members passed away during 2017. They were Bob Rittenhouse, Ron Akin, Richard Phares and Scotty Knox. Al passed around a sheet for people to request a name tag.

Colorado Collector Car Council Report: Dick Fritz stated that CDOT spends most of it’s funds on Public Transportation. They are trying to come up with a different way to tax drivers other than just the straight gasoline tax that is currently used. With the increased use of fuel efficient, hybrid and fully electric vehicles many road users are not paying as much tax as in the past. Therefore, tax revenues are going down each year. The state may try to come up with a road usage approach such as tracking and taxing based on miles traveled. Dick also mentioned that the CCCC will no longer hold a swap meet at the Front Range regional airport.

Regalia Report: Cathy Gunderson reported that the Forney Museum decided not to offer for sale “MG Forney Shirts” or “MG The sports car America loved first” shirts as they originally planned to do. Cathy says she will still however have these shirts available for purchase through the club. You can place your orders with her.

Old Business: Jack Kahler thanked the club for their generous donations to the Gambo Kids Christmas fund. He was able to send them a check in the amount of \$2,735.

John Fraioli volunteered to fill the vacant Secretary position. The club expressed their approval.

Tyler Hicks-Wright reminded the club that the MG Display was still going on at the Forney Museum of Transportation and it was defiantly worthwhile to check out the display. He also stated that the museum has for sale, posters advertising the current MG Display. These posters were designed by club member Brian Dahlberg. They cost 5 dollars.

Alan Magnuson spoke about the club having been awarded the coveted “Nuffield Trophy” from the Mother Club. This award was given to our club in part because of the great 18 page article written by Tyler Hicks-Wright and published in North American MGB Register’s “MG Driver” magazine. The article is titled “The Traveling Midget” and can be found in the July/Aug. 2017 issue. Alan presented an appreciation plaque to Tyler from NAMGBR. This is the second time the club has received the Nuffield award from the MG Car Club of England. Rich Weiskopf wants to drink Champagne from the trophy at the upcoming “Forney Wine & Cheese” event on Feb. 10th.

Keith Kerr reported that the Glenwood Committee has begun holding meetings. There are still some areas/positions that need to be filled. We are looking for someone to handle the food at the park. Also looking for “Sweep Cars” and someone to help with Hospitality. The MG-TC is the featured car for this year’s event.

New Business: Keith Kerr spoke about the need for the club to encourage younger generations to become interested in our hobby. One of the ways we can do this is to utilize a QR code. We can have QR stickers made up which can be placed on our windscreens. So when someone sees our cars and wonders about them they can scan the QR sticker with their cell phone and they are directed to our Club Web Site where they can get information about our MG car hobby. Other things we can do is visit vocational schools to show off our old-school automotive technology. Also plan non-intensive events in parks and near restaurants. The club is also currently working on incorporating “Online Bill Pay” So that members and others can pay for such things as Membership Dues, Regalia, Glenwood Registration, Christmas Party, etc. using a credit card or paypal. This will also help encourage younger members to join us as most of them do not use paper checks these days.

Neil White received a communication from a Mr. Long of the G.O.F. He wants to know if our club would be interested in hosting a future G.O.F. event here in Colorado.

The Club will be extending an invitation to the BMCNC, the Colorado LBC Club, the Jaguar Club & RMVR to attend our upcoming “Wine & Cheese” event. We are looking to fill the 75+ person capacity at the event.

Other upcoming items: Movie night at Hagerty – Jan.20

Forney Dust & Shine – Jan 27

Cars & Coffee – Feb. 3rd (first Saturday each month)

Forney “Wine & Cheese” – Feb. 10th

Rallye Glenwood Springs – June 8-10

Christmas party date and place to be announced at a later date.

Cathy Gunderson knows of another Car Warehouse where we might be able to hold the party.

Other New Business: We are looking for a Tour-Meister to plan this year's M.O.A.B trip.

Swap Shop: Al Wulf has an emergency brake cable that will fit either an MGA or MGB with banjo style axle. He also has Saulsbury rear ends and a 4 synchro Transmission. He will let these go at very reasonable prices.

Keith Kerr has an OD that will fit early MGB it is brand new in box. He also has Jaguar MK II parts two cars worth "bumper to bumper" including some window glass.

Alan Magnuson has 2 project cars for sale. A 1966 MGB-GT (steel dash) and a 1972 Blue Roadster.

Jack Kahler has MG-TD parts available. Trannys, Rear Axle housings, just a bunch of TD stuff.

Phinque and Shaft Stories: Marie Cowan was awarded the Shaft Award. She experienced a "Hit & Run" while driving her PT Cruiser. She was at a stop light up on Sheridan Blvd. while on her way to work. When she was hit by an old beat up pick-up. The driver took off.

Steve Gardner His MGB is in disrepair It has been sitting idle for 5 years and in drastic need of restoration. He volunteered to place his car on display at the Forney as an example of what many of the cars on display there looked like before undergoing restoration. He discussed his car with the Director of the Forney stating his car did not run and was in rather poor condition. The director liked the idea of having his car there as an example. However, Steve decided to begin some of the much needed work on his car prior to the upcoming display. When the Director saw the car he did not want Steve's car on display as it was neither a show piece or a complete pile of junk. The director eventually relented and allowed Steve's car to be displayed. Steve was awarded the "Phinque Award" because he almost lost the ability to display his car because he tried to make it look more appealing. This after he made a huge effort to have the car towed to the museum because it is not in running condition.

Shawn Bowman also received a Phinque Award. Against heavy protest from Ax & Allies shop mechanic Derrick, She finally convinced him to install chrome rocker panel covers over the rusted sections of her rocker panels. This may indeed make the rust condition worsen as they tend to trap moisture.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting Feb. 14th (Valentine's Day) at Mimi's Lone Tree.

Respectively submitted John Fraioli