

MGCC-RMC Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2021

Meeting Held via Webex

Meeting was called to order by President, Neil White, at 7:14 p.m.

We had one new member in attendance, Dennis Mills. He owns a 75 MG that he's had since 1988. He's added chrome bumpers, a '73 grill, bullet type tail lights, cloth interior. Happy to have you join us!

Treasurer's Report - Per John Layman the bank account has actually increased with the addition of fees for Glenwood starting to come in. He's received \$812 in fees for this event.

Membership Report - Al Wulf is not in attendance but sent email reporting that we currently have 203 paid and honorary members. We have two new members since we met in March - Daniel Winters and Dennis Mills. The new membership directories are being printed and should be able to be picked up next week. Most of the directories will be mailed.

John Fraioli added that he will be in contact with Daniel Winters to welcome him and invite him to join us on these virtual meetings.

Colorado Collector Car Council Report - Per Dick Fritz the CCCC had it's meeting at the Hagerty garage in Littleton. Their lobbyist, Leo Boyle, is on furlough this year but is still keeping tabs on anything that might affect collectors of old cars. He hasn't seen any new issues but did report an interesting bill that they have proposed putting a fee on hybrid cars. Electric cars already pay a premium, but hybrids have gotten a pass. The bill did not pass.

There is an event coming up on August 7th, Airshow, Car Show and Swap Meet at Front Range Metropolitan Airport. There will be some interesting planes. Since this is a fundraising event for the Council please support it. The Havana Cruise will not be held this year.

Regalia Report - Per Cathy Gunderson they will be putting in an order for the Triple M Club for the Atlantic City event. Shirts will have the MG octagon and any size and color will be available, order will go in at the end of this week. Let her know if you're interested.

Upcoming Events - Per John Fraioli we have Drive Your British Car Week coming up May 22nd - 30th. He's hoping that someone will organize a drive during the week.

Alan Magnuson added that St. Andrew Society of Colorado will be holding it's first Road Rally on May 16th. (St. Andrew Society is the organization that hosts the Scottish Festivals in Edgewater.) It will be a cross between a race and a scavenger hunt. Alan will send info to Al Wulf when received so Al can put it out to the club.

The Scottish Festival will be held this year on August 7th and 8th in Edgewater. The car show will be on the 8th.

In June, 14th - 17th, the MG 2021 International will be held in Atlantic City. There are several members that are planning on attending, Jack Kahler, John Fraioli and Alan Magnuson.

At the end of June and beginning of July, Bud Silvers is planning a drive around Pike's Peak. John is waiting for final details and will share when available.

John Fraioli is planning a drive called The MG Christmas in July on the 11th. He doesn't have the route layed out yet, but will have a nice drive and a picnic.

Al Wulf sent an email to John about information he's received about an event hosted by the Colorado Flatlanders Club on July 10th. It will be the 29th Annual Run in the Park to be held in Sterling at Pioneer Park.

Tyler Hicks-Wright added that RMVR has it's Race Against Kids Cancer on July 31st and August 1st. This event supports Morgan Adams Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research. They hope to raise \$220,000 this year. Please come out and take a ride in a vintage race car and watch the cars race wheel to wheel. This will be held at High Plains Raceway out near Byers at Deer Trail, CO.

Per Joe Gunderson May 1st is NAMGAR is Drive your MGA Day.

Per Jonathan Lane May 1st and 2nd RMVR is having a driving school at Pikes' Peak International Raceway in Fountain, CO.

In August we have the Rallye Glenwood on 27th, 28th and 29th. Keith Kerr reports that all indoor social events have been cancelled for Covid safety. The club is requesting that all attendees are vaccinated and notes that all CDC guidelines will be followed. Tyler reports that the registration website is open. Regalia should also be on the website and Cathy will double check. Keith added that the tour will include a Technical Challenge. The tour is an intersection of Top Gear and the Great British Baking Show, so if you've not seen these, you are behind, so get with it and watch these.

On September 12th the Gundersons are having a birthday party at their home which they hope everyone will bring their cars to and participate in a little car show. They will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, chili rellenos and cake! They will also be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary which is September 11th. People can feel free to bring a side dish if desired, no gifts, cards OK.

Conclave will be held September 18th and 19th. Per Bob Gloyd they have a meeting tomorrow night. No new news except it's looking likely that we will be able to have the event. Scott Story added that they will most likely do a mailing in July along with the registration page being up.

The PanAm event was briefly discussed, but with a registration fee of \$10,000 it was decided that it should probably be removed from the calendar as anyone in their right mind would use that money to buy an MG instead.

Alan Magnuson mentioned that the Oil Spot Rallye is on for this year but uncertain if the date will be the 2nd - 3rd of October or the 25th - 26th of September.

Old Business - John Fraioli spoke about the All British Cars and Coffee held at the Forney Museum. This event was organized by Shawn Bowman and Ted Ax. Ted has his '65 MGB with all the stickers on it, Shawn had her '73 MGB GT, Ben Greene had his '54 Morgan, Steve Gardner has his '74 MGB, Joe Haines had his '79 MGB, Michael & Nancy Royce has their 2007 Jaguar, John Fraioli had his '76 MGB-V6. They were expecting an overflow of cars based on RSVP of about 70+ cars. There were actually only 35-40 cars in attendance. The event was supposed to end at noon but since the parking lot wasn't full it was allowed to continue past noon. Ben Greene commented that he was impressed with the number of other clubs that showed up. Several members went on to have lunch at the Red Rooster after the event over on Washington St. by Ted's shop.

New Business - None at this time.

Swap Shop - Jonathan Lane states that he does have a Moss Motors order going in shortly so let him know if you need anything. Moss is currently running a sale on upholstery. Alan Magnuson was contacted by a gentleman who has a white Bugeye Sprite for sale, along with spare parts. He hasn't received a reply to inquiry about how much the man wants, or what the condition of the vehicle is.

Shaft Stories - Joe and Cathy Gunderson sent a pair of shock absorbers to be repaired to Wisconsin. After 2 weeks they hadn't heard anything from the company. They checked the post office tracking and the package had left Denver a week and a half prior but not delivered. They kept checking every few days but still no delivery. They filed a claim with the Post Office but then the package was received a few days later but the box was empty. The Post Office closed the claim as the package was delivered. They filed another claim that the contents were missing and the Post Office replied "sorry for the inconvenience". Joe and Cathy were awarded the Shaft Award.

Phinque Stories - Tyler Hicks-Wright shared a story that could have ended up being a Phinque Story, or possibly a Shaft Story, but was in the end just a sweet story. A couple of weeks ago Tyler received an email that the subject line read "Want to rent an MG Midget". They had apparently pulled his email address from the club website. The email stated that this woman wanted to rent an MG Midget for her son's birthday. Tyler replied to the email with a request for more information, mainly just how old was this son? Was the car going to be parked beside a 6 year old's bouncy castle, or did the son just receive his driver's license, or what is the story? Turns out that the young man was just turning 24 and had always loved the MG Midget for as long as his mother could remember. When they spoke the mother agreed to donate funds to Inside the Orchestra as a kind of rental fee. On Easter, which was the young man's birthday, Tyler drove his car down to Highlands Ranch, turned into the cul-de-sac where they were standing, and the fellow's face just lit up. Tyler showed him around the car, took him for a short drive to show him the quirks of the car, then left him the keys to go for drive along a route that had been planned up to Morrison and Evergreen that avoided a lot of traffic. He received a message a few hours later that they were done with the car and were absolutely delighted. Tyler picked up the car and it was in perfect condition. The young man is now saving to buy his own MG Midget. Tyler hopes that the club will eventually have a new "youngest member".

Scott Story added that it was a coincidence that he had also received an email that stated that someone's 90 year old father wanted to drive a Morris Minor for his birthday. Scott told them he wasn't aware of anyone that had one that would be willing to lend or rent out. Told them to come visit the Conclave.

Jonathan Lane also had a story about getting coerced into taking his car to the MG Vintage race in Virginia. He had a ton of projects to get done before he could take the TC. The biggest was moving the roll bar. This led to all sorts of issues. He did manage the 3 days of driving, 3 days of racing, and finally 3 day drive back. The car ran fantastic, it was a lot of fun, but very cold out there. It was a lot of stress and work for a race that he hadn't intended to go to. When asked if he won - he was 2nd in T series. Steve Conston won with a TD that he's probably getting 140 horse power with an XPEG - 1466cc naturally aspirated engine. Manley Ford has a TD with about the same HP that Jonathan got within a second of in qualifying time. Manley had a loss of oil pressure and had to drop out. Dan Leonard has a TC Special, which is a weird single seat modified TC, which he let Manley drive. Jonathan beat him in that car.

It was asked when we will be able to meet again in person. Jonathan looked it up and Mimi's at both locations are closed permanently. It all depends upon how the pandemic recovery goes. Jonathan mentioned that the club used to meet at On the Border and they do have a patio with outside seating for future consideration.

Keith Kerr added that while there are currently no social events planned for the Rallye Glenwood, that might change if it's possible and allowable by August.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Zamora, Secretary