

August 4, 2017 – Club Officer's Meeting

All MBMGCC members, here are the notes from the Friday, August 4th Club Officers meeting. The meeting was open to all members, as will be all future Club Officers' quarterly meetings

- We met at Coconut Kennys in Burlington. Everyone was on their own for lunch. We were members Kevin Cobley, Dave Borg, Dick & Dorothy Joneli, Chester & Sachi Haynes, Dave & Lauretta Smalles, and new members Coy and Kris Moots, and Kathy Sexton accompanied Club VP Stan.

- Treasurer John Taft reported a **current balance** in the Club coffers to at \$1512, with the only recent expense being \$350 for Club insurance

- We have **2 new members** this year, and lost 4 due to non-payment.

- We discussed one **members suggestion** (sent by email to Club Officers prior to the meeting) about opening Club membership to those with other British sports cars that weren't MGs, such as Triumph, Jag, Lotus, Classic Mini etc. That this would be a way to increase Club membership and events. Responses to this suggestion received from members indicated that members were pleased with the size of the Club as is, and that what was needed was more involvement for planning and participation in events by existing members. It was noted that in the MBMGCC Bylaws, our Club was founded " with the purpose of this organization be to encourage the maintenance, preservation and active use of all types of MGs". And, "membership in the Club is restricted to owners of MGs"... to open up the club to Non MG owners we would have to amend the bylaws and sever ties to the MG Car Club, LTD U.K. and with the North American MGB Register USA. Things will stay as they are. (thanks "oldmgman" for the calibration). We do however, in Sec 1 (B) allow for Associate membership which "shall be offered to those who have owned an MG in the past, intend to acquire one or are interested in MGs". This leaves doors open...

- Kevin Cobley during his tenure as Club President, had a **Club banner** made. He brought this along and it is now in the tender car of current Club Pres Joel Brossard, and hopefully we can display it proudly at futyure carshows and such. Thanks Kevin!

- **Club brochure**. Joel passed around a tri-fold color glossy brochure used by the Chicagoland MG Club (of which Joel was VP in 2012 & 2013) that the Chicago club used as an informational and new member recruiting tool. The meeting attendees enthusiastically welcomed the idea of our Club producing a similar brochure for our Club for the same purposes. Kevin Cobley already secured the support of Andy Bradley (Bradley Restorations, Mt Vernon) to have some on hand for his clients. Stay tuned as we explore costs involved etc.

- We discussed including **Tech sessions or report-outs on their car projects** by members. Members are invited and encouraged to do so going forward.

- "**Natter n' Noggin**" is an MG traditional monthly meeting at a pub, brew house, grog shop (you get the idea) where MG owners get together for yak sessions, pub fare and pints. The idea of incorporating this activity into our regular events was well received. Kevin Colby and Dave Smailes will explore possible venues in the Mt. V area. Joel will explore same for B'Ham area. Natter 'n Noggins would be held North location one month, South location the next.

- John Taft (and Becky) suggested starting up **Ice Cream Socials** again...lets do it.

- **Upcoming events:**

August 26 LeMay Open House. See Stan Sexton earlier memo on this.

August 27 Hillcrest Chapel Speed and Chrome Show, Fairhaven. See Lyle and Francie's earlier memo on this one

Sept. date TBD; Joel will lead a charge up to Artist Point, Mt Baker

Oct. 14 & 15 Dave and Leslie Borg have planned an outing to the Westport-Grayland area and visit to a cranberry harvest, might be the weekend of the annual cranberry festival.

Comments or feedback always welcome.

Best to all,

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Safety Fast!

Joel P Brossard
2017 Club President