

**Minutes of the Annual General meeting
North American MGB Register
October 28, 2006 - Rohnert Park, California**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman, Bruce Wyckoff.

The chairman began with an introduction to the Annual General Meeting. Explaining the meeting are an opportunity to meet the members and have the members meet the officers.

Continuing, the chairman ask that all the attendees introduce themselves and tell everyone a little bit about themselves, their local club and the cars they own. At the conclusion of introductions, the chairman thanked everyone present for attending.

As a copy of last years meeting minutes was passed out before the meeting for review, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented and published in the Jan/Feb issue of the MGB Driver. The motion was approved by those delegates present and the minutes were approved.

Report from Officers/Registrars/Coordinators followed

Chairman's Report: Bruce Wyckoff

In my column for the November / December MGB Driver, I took the opportunity to review what was a very successful year for the North American MGB Register.

Briefly, here is a recap of the 2006 calendar year

- Nice increase in membership in the first quarter of the year
- Published two color issues of the MGB Driver, reviewing a cross country trip to MG 2005 and recapping MG 2006
- Successful publishing and distribution of the MAD book before MG 2006
- Over 600 MGBs, MGBGTs, Midgets and a couple of 1100 Sedans in attendance for MG 2006
- The first ever Meet & Greet for members and a chance to communicate face to face with the Officers, Coordinators and Registers of NAMGBR
- We had to say good-bye to our Treasurer, Sue Deagan who had to step down for personnel reasons. We welcome Alan Magnuson, as our new Treasurer to complete Sue's term
- We warmly welcomed the Father of the MGB, Don Hayter to another of our conventions.
- Sadly, we said good-bye to honorary member, Geoff Allen and longtime MGB Driver Advertiser and local club member, Skip Kelsey of Shadetree Motors

So on behalf of the Officers, Coordinators and Registers of the North American MGB Register, I want to thank the members of NAMGBR for making 2006 one of our most successful years ever.

Also a big thank you to the members of the MG Owners Club of Northern California for hosting the Annual General Meeting and for being the host chapter for MG 2007 next July. A number of members are already looking forward to this upcoming event.

Vice Chairman's Report: Richard Liddick

I am happy to report the number of local chapters now stands at 84. This year we added the following nine (9) new chapters to the list of local clubs that are affiliated with NAMGBR. They are:

- Suncoast Classic MG Club & Nature Coast English Car Club of Brookville, FL
- Her Majesty's Nebraska Patrol of Lincoln, NE
- Illinois Flat Land British Car Club of
- The British Car Club of Iowa of
- The Appalachian British Car Society of TN
- Florida Suncoast MG Car Club of Tampa, FL
- Gold Coast British Sports Car Club of Pompano Beach, FL

- All British Car and Cycle Assoc of Kansas City
- Colonial Vintage British Car Club of Williamsburg, VA

In addition to signing up the new chapters, I did a mailing earlier this year to all of the chapters notifying them of our new address and informing them of the need to maintain a minimum of eight NAMGBR members to remain a chapter in "good standing". Working together with our secretary, we have been able to help a good number of them reach the required eight NAMGBR members needed.

I also serve as NAMGBR's representative on the North American Council of MG Registers. The Council is comprised of The North American MGB Register, The North American MGA Register, The New England MG T Register, The American MGC Register and the MMM Register. I was involved in the planning, worked the registration table, the car show and filled in were needed at MG 2006 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. My duties involve looking out for the interest of NAMGBR when the Council is meeting and reporting to the executive board on any pending major decisions that the MG Council may vote on that could affect the B Register. I have been given authority to vote on behalf of the Register on issues that are discussed and require a vote during council meetings. During the planning stages of MG 2006 I traveled to Gatlinburg last March and took part in monthly phone conference calls that became bi-weekly the closer we got to the event. The Council currently looking for a location for MG 2011 and will be holding a conference call this winter to go over some of the possibilities, which I cannot reveal at this time.

The Treasurer's report: Sue Deagan (Read by new Treasurer, Alan Magnuson)

This letter will serve as my final report as treasurer of the North American MGB Register. During my term of office, I have strengthened the accounting practices and documentation of the register.

The register has come a long way in the three years I have served as treasurer and I know it will continue to grow with the leadership that is in place. The North American MGB Register increased its bottom line by \$25,603.00 from last year.

We had an increase in membership dues, event profits, and mutual aid directory advertising from last year. Our regalia sales decreased by \$1,100.00 from last year.

Our expenses had increases in credit card fees, membership cards, postage, engraving charges, and website fees from last year. MGB Driver decreased by \$3,547 from last year. 6 issues of the driver were printed current year compared to 7 issues last year.

The following expenses were incurred in current year and no expenses previous year:

- Advertising in British Motoring of \$525.00
- MG Car Club Dues England of \$93.00
- Petty Cash Advance for Secretary of \$200.00
- MG 2007 Seed Money of \$500.00
- MG 2006 Dash Plaques of \$418.00

I have presented reports to the Executives and to the membership (via the Driver) as required by the constitution and by-laws. The financial records are available for any member who would like to review them.

Secretary's Report: Jerome Rosenberger

When I took office last October, we were still using an old database system from 1990.

The first thing I did was to update to the newer and more efficient Microsoft Access. Using Access allows us to update member information in seconds instead of minutes. It also allow to the exporting of member information in a much more meaningful form. i.e. If we need to know the names of current member who live in Florida, a report can be prepare in seconds, with just a few mouse clicks. This upgrade has proven to be a real time saver for the Secretary and the members alike.

2006 was a very successful year membership wise. Membership has increased from 1530 in October 2005 to the present 1830 of today.

Most of the increases are due to the hugely successful Joint convention in Gatlinburg this past summer. We enrolled 56 new members in the month before the MG2006.

We have also increased our retention of members by sending out email reminders in addition to the 3 (up from 2 last year) snail mail reminders. It seems to be working and our retention now stands at about 84%.

I also believe that the high quality and regular delivery of the Newsletter is contributing to our stronger renewal number.

An area the Register needs to work on in the coming years is recruitment. Acquiring more and more NEW members will insure that the Register can continue to grow and develop an even better program for our members.

Editor's Report: Robert Rushing

Robert Reported the Newsletter has been produced on time for every issue of the last year.

Currently he has enough material for at least 3 issues but that he is always looking for new material. He therefore encourages members to send in their submissions.

Robert expressed his appreciation to Charles de Bourbon for all his efforts and time in the production of the MGB Driver.

We will be doing a test printing using a new Printer beginning with the January/February issue. If successful, we expect to save enough money on production cost to begin printing a larger and more colorful MGB Driver.

Advertising Coordinator: Peter Cosmides (Read by Chairman, Bruce Wyckoff)

We currently have 21 paid advertisers and two complimentary advertisers.

The complimentary advertisers are MG cars UK .com and Classic MG Magazine. Both provide us with free advertising in exchange.

All advertisers are up to date in payment, with the exception of University Motors, who has a current outstanding invoice.

I would like to thank the many advertisers who have remained with us for A number of years, and welcome the newcomers as well.

Charles De Bourbon has been a great help with setting up ads ad guiding me along the way in my new position.

Publicity Coordinator Report: Richard Liddick

For 2006, I posted information about MG 2006 meet at Gatlinburg, which was also NAMGBR's convention on various web auto events calendars. As far as, written articles or pieces about the Register go, I did not send anything out.

As I have said before, with the advent of the World Wide Web most of what this position was originally set up for is no longer needed since the local chapters get the word out about their events. As most of you are aware NAMGBR only has one major event a year and that is the annual convention. I have in the past, written articles about the Register's conventions for both the MGB Driver and to send out to the MG Car Club, MG Owners Club and other British Car magazines. MG 2006 was well covered and I did not see the need for me to do another write up.

In closing, I would like to suggest that we reconsider the position of publicity coordinator or redefine just what it is we would like the person holding the position does. I would like to offer the position up, if there is another member out there that may have a fresh approach and new ideas on getting the word out about the Register, the chapters and our events.

Convention Coordinator: Tony Burgess

Tony reported on MG2006 Gatlinburg, TN. This being our convention for 2006 and also the quinquennial joint meeting of all the national MG Registers that is hosted by the North American Council of MG Registers.

The show was a big success. 1099 cars on the show field , made this event 2nd only to the original joint meet held in Indianapolis in 1996.

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Future conventions are scheduled for California in 2007, Philadelphia area in 2008 and in Denver in 2009.

The possibility of the next joint meet will be begin discussion in the couple of months.

Tony also encouraged the MGO of Northern California to use the Driver whenever possible to promote next years convention.

Technical Coordinator: John Twist (read by Chairman, Bruce Wyckoff)

Allow me to take several moments from your meeting to explain my job as Technical Coordinator.

I answer phone calls, every day, between 1-2pm EST. Sometimes, rarely, the phone never rings. Sometimes, just as rarely, I'm on the phone taking one call after another, for nearly the whole hour. The questions range from tire pressures to combustion chamber volumes; from questions about oil leaks to referrals to shops in other areas. I neither track nor record these calls; but I'm certain that in most five day weeks I receive twenty to thirty calls.

For those who wish to communicate via email, I do, eventually, answer the technical queries. These I forward to the editors. They select several, shorten up the text, and print the essentials in the Driver. I'll answer several a night, on the average, which makes about ten to twenty a week. I am not regular, but usually attack these queries in bursts. Again, not all the questions regard MGBs, but I copy the editors (as well as others) on all my posts.

Lastly, I offer technical articles, although not on a regular basis. I believe I've done three this past year.

If, Mr Chairman, you wish to have me serve yet another year, I shall be pleased to do so.

One last note, if I may, about the MG event this summer. I told the organizers that I would work all week, I would work three days, all day, every day. I told them I would have rolling tech sessions, lectures, seminars, talking tours, whatever they wanted me to do. No one EVER called me back! I did not receive a copy of the program so I do not know what anyone had planned for me -- but I do know from the grapevine that I was labeled a "no-show." That is not correct. You know me, you know my service to MG, and you know my dedication. I only needed the courtesy of a phone call or email!

I WILL be in Sonoma Valley next summer. They've emailed and they've talked to me on the phone.

Thank you. And, again, if you do have MG technical questions, simply email or call me at the shop, 1-2pm EST, Monday through Friday.

Webmaster, Rick Brown, (read by Vice Chairman, Richard Liddick)

The website continues to be maintained/updated on a daily basis. We currently have an average of about 100 page views per day. Since September 2002 we have had a total of 150,262 page views.

79% of visitors in that time have been from the USA followed by Canada, the UK, Holland, Australia, Belgium, Germany, France, Denmark and Sweden.

Chapters are requested to check the website often to ensure that the information listed for their chapter is current and accurate.

Concours Coordinator: Paul Hanley (read by Chairman, Bruce Wyckoff)

My first year as Concours Coordinator was very rewarding. The competition at MG2006 in Gatlinburg, TN was as stiff as I have seen. Eight of the fourteen cars finished with scores above 900 (out of a possible 1000) The remaining cars all finished in the mid to high 800's. A great looking bunch indeed! The event drew an respectable Midget contingent—four in total, with one in particular—a Riviera Blue '66 of Rob Bard that charmed all who saw it. It was photographed many times during the event. Three participants had entered into a NAMGBR Concours event at past conventions, indicating a continuing enthusiasm. Four of the six judges on the field had judged our Concours events previously and the other two judges had many other breed's judging experience under their belts; the judging this year was excellent...and I thank them again.

For the first time that I can remember, a Concours Top Point M.G. graced the cover of The MGB Driver magazine. But it was only a part of the well deserved honors bestowed to Brooks Amiot's '62 Tartan Red MGB Tourer. Wow! This is as near a perfect, show room car that can be found anywhere. It finished not only with the Top Point Award and a near perfect 984 points, but also received the Chairman's Award for the best M.G. representing the Register at the convention. Three cheers for winning the tri-fecta, Brooks!

Also attending was what is believed to be the second oldest MGB in the United States, a lovely '62 Iris Blue owned by Gary Gilpin, of Ohio. Gary was initially entered in the Popular Vote category and graciously agreed to display his car in Concourse. And a fine reward he received—not only for his Award of Excellence but that Mr. Don Hayter, designer of the MGB, actually sat in Gary's car and reminisced. Mr. Hayter so graciously agreed to sign the boot floors of both Gary and Brooks' first year made MGB's. Talk about being in the right place, at the right time!

I continue to receive many inquiries about both points of originality and aspects of the Concourse program. I truly sense a "buzz" about the program and look forward to continuing the excitement at MG2007 in the Sonoma Valley.

Service Coordinator: Bruce Wyckoff

2006 turned out to be a very successful year for the Mutual Aid Directory (MAD) booklet.

For those that are not familiar with the MAD booklet, we print a list of recommended repair shops from around the US and Canada that are submitted by the members of NAMGBR. In the event you are traveling in a particular area and have problems with your MG, Hopefully, there will be a MG friendly shop near by.

In addition to the repair shops, a number of NAMGBR members have volunteered to have their address and phone numbers listed as well. Each has pledged to help a fellow NAMGBR member if the occasion should arise.

We also include the 75 plus chapters of NAMGBR with a name and contact information. This year we included the chapter logo as part of their display.

There were a number of advertisers that stepped forward to help with the printing of the MAD booklet. Major supply vendors like Moss, Victoria British and Little British Car and a number of specialty shops like MG Doc, White Post and Apple Hydraulic were all participants in this year's booklet. I would like to offer a special thank you to all the vendors that advertised in the 2006 MAD.

In the September / October issue of the MGB Driver, we had a number of members write about their travels to MG 2006 in Gatlinburg and needing to pull the MAD book in order to locate some assistance.

The plans are in the works for the 2007 MAD. If you have a repair shop that you feel you can recommend, please contact me through the web site or my email address in the front cover of the MGB Driver.

Registrar's Report: Ken Smith

At the time of this report (10/16/2006), we currently have **2783 (+ 194)** MGB's listed on the databases we maintain. These are comprised of, and include:

MGB Roadsters- **1983**
MGB/GT's- **519**
MGB Limited Editions.-**277 (+ 11)**
MGB Factory V8's **16 (+ 4)**
MGB/GT 1967 Specials-**116 (+2)**

We have continued to receive a steady stream of new registrations over the past year, and each and every registration has been posted in the *MGB Driver*. Over 100 in total. My regular reports in the *MGB Driver* have elicited several items of interest from members, both at home and abroad.,

Also, since the beginning of the year, each and every registrant, has received a personal MGB postcard from myself, thanking them for their information and their support of the NAMGBR. Registrations have been received from as far away as American Samoa, and Alaska, Denmark, Germany.

Once again, I urge all members to register their MGB with NAMGBR if they have not already done so

74 ½ Registrar's Report: Steve Harding (read by Vice Chairman, Richard Liddick)

Many of you already know me. I am the Founder and President of the Philadelphia MG Club, an affiliated chapter of NAMGBR. I am also the 74 1/2 MGB & BGT Register for NAMGBR.

The Philadelphia MG Club is hosting (with the assistance of a number of local British Car Clubs) MG 2008.

I would like to request permission from NAMGBR to slightly alter the classes for MG 2008. I would request that all the 74 1/2s MGB & GTs, be placed in a class by themselves. This would change the late model MGB class to 75-80 rather than 74 1/2 – 80 and eliminate the Rubber Bumper GT Class.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

V8 Registrar's Report: Dan Masters (read by Treasurer, Alan Magnuson)

We held our tenth annual V8 meet in Townsend, Tennessee in June, immediately prior to MG 2006 in nearby Gatlinburg. The meet was a resounding success, with 73 entries.

Plans are well under way for the 2007 V8 meet in Ohio. Preliminary planning is under way for the 2008 meet, perhaps in Wisconsin. Both meets will be open to members of either the V8 or the Modified register.

I received one new registrant, with a 1979 MGB Rover V8 conversion.

A proposal was drawn up for board approval splitting the V8 register into two parts - original V8 register for factory V8s and/or Costello conversions, and a new Modified Register for modified cars. A write-up announcing the split was submitted for inclusion in the V8 registrar section in the next issue of the MG Driver.

Pull Handle Registrar: Bill Barge (read into the record by Chairman, Bruce Wyckoff)

The **Pull-Handle** sub-register of the **North American MGB Register** is still growing. Since the 2006 AGM, we have added one early MGB to the pull-handle list, bring the total number of registered Pull-Handle MGBs to 188.

This past year, I received twenty-one pull-handle related questions. All of these were via e-mail.

I have very much enjoyed hearing from the many enthusiastic pull-handle owners. The wealth of information they possess on these original MGB's is almost overwhelming. And as we have more articles published in the **Driver**, I expect to hear from more non-registered pull-handle owners.

100/200k Mile Registrar: Jai Deagan (read into the record by Chairman, Bruce Wyckoff)

100,000/200,000 Registrar Report to the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the North American MGB Register, October 2006.

There is a 1-2 year supply of dash plaques (24) for the 100k registry and probably close to 100 plaques for the 200k registry.

The database currently contains 149 cars with almost 135 members. There are several members who have registered more than one car in this sub-register. There were 9 members who requested to join the 100k Register and 2 who joined the 200k since my last report.

Most of the members applying for admission to this sub registry are relatively new members have joined within the last two or three years.

Many different models of MGs are represented in the registry. The greatest majority of owners have an MGB or MGBGT. Next most plentiful model are Midgets and several MGC and MGCGTs. Members have joined this sub-register from north to south and from coast to coast. It appears that a majority of the members of this sub-Register are still members in good standing of NAMGBR.

I converted the database to MS Access and sent a copy to the Secretary.

I occasionally receive a request for admission to this registry from persons who are not members. When this occurs, I send them a polite response with information on joining NAMGBR.

Original Owners Registrar: Bill Hawkins (read into the record by Vice Chairman, Richard Liddick)

I will not be able to attend the AGM, but I do want to contribute to the program as you indicated in your memo.

First I wanted to thank you and all of the officers of NAMGBR for the friendly outreach that Deborah and I received at MG2006. We, being the new kids on the block, were treated as old time colleagues. You shared your space and everyone shared his or her knowledge of NAMGBR's past operations. I was very proud to be included as Original Owners Registrar. NAMGBR certainly had a very professional presence at the hotel and at the car show. We enjoyed our experience and we look forward to doing it again.

We have 80 members and we will be updating the web site to reflect this.

Hammer & Tong Registrar: Phil Smith (read into the record by Treasurer, Alan Magnuson)

To my knowledge, formal membership in the HT Register is stable, with one added new member in the past year. I had enough response to my article in Driver that I think the reasons for this are among the following: MGB-driving members may be unaware of the existence of The Hammer and Tongs, they may have a distorted view of the Register (for example, they may see it is a "racers" Register), they perceive no particular benefit to getting their HT number (hopefully because they're already too busy using their MGs), or general inertia. Maybe it is time for an HT-specific piece for the Driver?

The only news I am aware of is it appears that the Endurance Trial Triple Crown competition is alive and well, and prospering to the point at which some teams may be pushing the intent of the rules beyond the original spirit of the event. I have been in communication with The Directors of the Triple Crown and have all assurances that this is being handled appropriately (albeit without flogging, water-torture, or being forced to ride in a Crown Vic). Our goal is to preserve a friendly competition with an emphasis on mass-enjoyment of MG driving in a convivial atmosphere.

I will be finishing my stint in Houston at the end of this academic year, and have a verbal agreement for a new position in Farmington CT beginning in July '07. A new garage and much, much more interesting roads await.... Unless somebody else is clamoring for this exceptionally time-intensive job, I plan to continue as Gord E. Nador of The Hammer and Tongs Register.

This concluded all reports received at the time of the meeting.

A Question from the floor was raised as to the supplying of mailing list to individuals and/or businesses.

The Secretary restated for the record that we do not give away or sell our mailing list. The one exception is that we will supply a list of our members in a specific area to a chapter who request it to help with recruiting new members in their region. We also took this occasions to point out that addresses listed in the Mutual Aid Directory do not contain zip codes and are otherwise incomplete, making them unusable as possible mailing list.

At this time a short break was declared.

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After the break, the ballots were opened and counted. With the Ballots mailed in and the votes of the delegates present, Richard Liddick was reelected to the position as Vice Chairman, and Jerome Rosenberger was elected Secretary.

New the Secretary read the two proposed amendments to the Constitution/By-laws.

Proposed amendment 1 read:

Amend: Section I, C, 5,

Present: "A retiring Secretary or Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election at the end of each two year term, with no limits on the number of terms."

Change to: "A retiring Secretary of Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election at the end of each two year term, but can be elected to no more than five consecutive years in the same office."

Proposed amendment 2 read:

D. ELECTIONS

1. Elections:

a. Election of Executive officers will be held at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section I,C,2 of these by-laws.

2. Ballots:

a. Every certified chapter will be mailed a ballot 45 days prior to the election. Said ballot will list all declared candidates for office, space for write-in candidates, and any proposed changes to the Register's Constitution and By-Laws.

b. In order to be counted, ballots must be signed by two chapter officers and presented at the Annual General Meeting in person, or mailed to the designated address by the official deadline.

c. Official address for the mailing of ballots will be designated to be that of the senior setting Executive Officer not running for office in the current election. This officer will be responsible to insure that all ballots received are held in confidence, and presented at the proper time at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Proxies:

a. No proxies will be given, or accepted, on any proposed ballot issue. Certified chapters must present their own signed ballots at the Annual General Meeting, either in person or by return mail before the deadline.

b. Proxies will be allowed for non-ballot issues that may arise during the Annual General Meeting. These proxies will be mail to the Certified Chapters with the ballots. Certified Chapters who are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting may use this proxy to designate a delegate to represent them at the meeting.

Again ballots were counted and both amendments passed. The Constitution/By-laws to be changed accordingly.

New the Register awards for the year were announced.

They are...

Register Enthusiast of the Year	Mark Whitt, Talbott, Tenn.
Register Chapter Newsletter of the Year	"Dipstick" – Tidewater MG Classics, Virginia Beach, VA
Good Samaritan award	Dennis & Nancy DeLoatch, Smyrna, GA
Register Chapter of the Year	Peachtree MG Registry, Atlanta, GA

A Special award was given to Sue Deagan our outgoing Treasurer for all her efforts in getting and keeping the Register's finances in order.

New business discussed included a presentation by the local MG club who is hosting the next years convention. Ideas included needed manpower for specific task. Possibility celebrities to help promote the show and a possible key note speaker. It was also suggested the arranging a display of vintage racing MGs, many of which are in California, might also drew people in. What classes would be included on the voting ballots for the show. These classes are laid out in the Registers convention guidelines. I question was raised about a separate class for MGCs. The guidelines would allow this, if there were a minimum of 5 MGCs registered for the show.

There is also a caravan being planned to Sonoma from club locations north. Like Seattle and Vancouver.

Before adjourning the Executive committee took the opportunity to discuss a planned policy to reimburse officers who are required to attend meetings at great distances. Several members present have some very good suggestions to make the policy as effective as possible. Including that the proposed policy must me sure to include limitations to prevent abuse.

The Secretary announced the back issues will be available beginning on December 1st in digital form on a compact disc. These to be sold as part of the Register's regalia program. An ad promoting the CD, will appear in the next issue, November/December, of the MGB Driver.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 5pm.

Submitted

Jerome Rosenberger
Secretary, NAMGBR

