

# AGM- Belleville, Ontario, Canada

Minutes –NAMGBR- Annual General Meeting

**10/24/2009 Submitted by Denny Elimon Secretary NAMGBR**

Prior to the Annual General meeting, the NAMGBR Officers and invited guest were driven on a guided caravan tour of the beautiful Belleville area. The caravan tour featured a drive along the proposed routes for MG2010 with stops at various points of interest. A special thanks, to Johan Petersen, Peter Mittler, Stuart MacFarlane, and Toronto MG Club members for serving as host for the pre event tour. Members and guest should mark their calendars now for MG2010-this will be another memorable event.

The meeting was- called to order at 1:04 p.m. by presiding Chairman Bruce Wyckoff. The Chairman began by describing the purpose of the meeting and presented an outline of the agenda for the meeting. The Chairman encouraged all participants to feel free to make comments advising everyone that he favored a meeting in which everyone could participate. The Chairman introduced two new officers, Kim de Bourbon as Vice Chair and Denny Elimon as Secretary. He thanked them for serving and their contribution during the year. After which he had everyone stand and introduce themselves to those in attendance and indicate where they were from and what car they owned.

After introductions, Chairman Wyckoff called for a motion to approve the AGM minutes from the previous AGM meeting, as published in the Jan/Feb 2009 issue of the MGB Driver . A motion was made and accepted that the minutes be approved as submitted.

The following Officer reports were- submitted:

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -Bruce Wyckoff**

Bruce presented that the North American MGB Register is completing our 18<sup>th</sup> year and things have never been better. Our membership is high, our bank balance is strong and the MGB Driver is widely accepted as the definitive magazine for all things MGB, MGBGT and 1100/1300 Sedans.

Briefly, here is a recap of the 2009 calendar year:

- Our membership has climbed to over 2,000 members
- Successful publishing and distribution of the MAD book before MG2009
- We had over two hundred cars registered for MG 2009

-We have a new Vice Chair and Secretary that stepped up and been welcome additions to the Executive Board.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to a loyal advertiser in University Motors in Ada , Michigan. The good news is John Twist is staying on as the Technical Coordinator for NAMGBR

So, On behalf of the officers, Coordinators and Registrars of North American MGB Register, I want to thank the members of NAMGBR for making 2009 one of our most successful years ever.

We would like to put out a big thank you to the members of the Toronto MG Club for hosting the Annual General Meeting and for being the host chapter for MG2010 next June.

Under new business, I am pleased to announce that the Executive Officers have voted to name our traditional annual awards in honor of our members- The Enthusiast of the Year award will become the John Twist & Caroline Robinson Enthusiast of the Year Award. The Best News Letter of the Year Award will become the Ken Smith Award for- Best News Letter of the Year and the Don Hayter Top Points Award for the top point car during the concours judging.

Motion was made to name awards after members, a voice vote was taken members overwhelming approved the change. Comments made in support of the recommendation from members in attendance in strong support.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Wyckoff Chairman

### **Vice Chairman's Report-Kim de Bourbon**

It has been an interesting first year as Vice Chairman. One bonus of this job is getting to have great conversations, both by phone and email , with MG owners across the country.

First off, I must confess that I did not get as organized in the beginning of my term as I should have been. While insurance certificate requests that came my way were processed promptly I did not establish a good record keeping system until recently. By my count, there have been 28 insurance certificates issued so far this year. Many requests came first through me as vice chairman which was a new procedure this year. Other request where were sent first to Denny or to Jerome, the office manager. I also believe some clubs may have submitted the forms directly to J.C. Taylor, as they were accustomed to doing so in the past.

I will work this coming year to reinforce the proper procedure, which is that requests are made to the vice chairman. who then confirms the club as a NAMGBR affiliate in good standing before sending the request to JC Taylor.

I've also updated the insurance, F.A.Q document which I send to a number of clubs who had inquiries. This will be a part of the package going out to clubs on an annual basis.

The other critical part of the vice chairman job is acting as liaison to the affiliate clubs. I was also a little slow off the mark getting up to speed with club contacts at the beginning of the year, but did work with Rick Brown to set up online affiliate request and renewal forms on the NAMGBR web site.

We received five re-affiliation and one club application through the web site not as many as I would have liked, but it was a start. The online forms, when filled out and submitted get emailed to the vice chair, the secretary and the webmaster simultaneously, making this an efficient way to keep our records up-to-date.

Coordinating club contact information is a real challenge, especially as I have not had access to the NAMGBR membership database but will continue to work on improving this in 2010. We need to set up and maintain a club email list, so that re-affiliation reminders and other NAMGBR information may be emailed out to club presidents and or newsletter editors.

Until the online system is more used and accepted, it is obvious that re-affiliation letters will still need to be sent out in the mail in 2010. The letters will encourage clubs to use the online form, but also include a paper form to use, if they choose.

Now that I had a year of NAMGBR duty under my belt, I'm in a better groove, and plan a full-blown club connection campaign at the beginning of the new year, There is much we can do to build our relationship with affiliated clubs, and to attract new affiliates.

Respectfully Submitted-

Kim de Bourbon Vice Chairman

### **Secretary's Report- Denny Elimon**

Denny thanked the current and past officers for their assistance during the first year as Secretary. With a special thank you to Bruce Wyckoff Chairman and his wife Connie for their service to NAMGBR and Jerome Rosenberger for assisting with the Secretary change. He noted that it had been a pleasure to serve everyone.

After completing one year as Secretary, he recognized our members and affiliate chapters that worked with him to maintain our records. This has been a rewarding experience for me to meet and greet our members and to work with our affiliate chapters during the year.

Membership has continued to grow over the year our membership now stands at over two thousand active members. I am pleased to report that during the year we signed up two hundred thirty plus new members. We now have ninety- two, affiliate clubs. I would like to welcome our new clubs the Virginia British Car Club & the Lawrence All British Car Club. We encourage all

clubs to become an affiliate chapter; the advantages of affiliation; provides your club with many benefits.

Once again, I would encourage our members to invite fellow owners to join us-our best recruiters are our current members

To members that have remained active over the years, we appreciate your continued support-your officers will remain dedicated to the continued success of our organization. We will strive to serve you and to maintain our status as the world's best MG owner organization. We will soon be entering year twenty of our organization, we hope to make year twenty special for all our dedicated members. Our growth and success is directly traceable to our individual members and chapter clubs-you are the backbone of our organization

We especially thank all of the members with a zero prefix in their membership numbers. If you have an opportunity to find a member with a zero prefix membership, number; take time to recognize their dedication; as they are the founders of NAMGBR.

-Respectfully Submitted

Denny Elimon Secretary

### **Treasurer Report-Alan Magnuson**

Alan presented the following report. NAMGBR had a strong fiscal 2008-2009 year as our membership continued to increase. Thank you for renewing your membership in your local club and NAMGBR. We had income of \$105,291.45, expenses of \$89,558.76, improving our bottom line by \$15,732.69. The October 7, 2008-October 6, 2009 Profit & Loss statement accompanies this article. (Note-a detailed report will be listed in the front of next issue of the Driver).

MG2009, was hosted;- by the MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Centre in Breckenridge, Colorado. MG 2009, contributed \$4,578.16 to NAMGBR's bottom line. Attendees enjoyed the history of Abington produced MG'S, scenic mountain vistas, and driving curving roads.

We had income of \$105,291.45 from several categories the largest sources is NAMGBR dues. Additional sources of income are from MG2009, Regalia Sales and Advertising in the MGB Driver and Mutual Aid Directory.

Expenses for the fiscal year were \$89,538.76. Printing is our largest expense area (MGB Driver and Mutual Aid Directory). Other expenses areas include MG2009 (registration checks minus credit card processing) Regalia, insurance, postage, advertising, promotions and office expenses.

Net Ordinary income- \$15,732.69

Reports will be presented to NAMGBR Officers and membership, via the MGB Driver, as required by the constitution and by-laws. The financial records are available for review by any

member. I would like to thank the chapters of NAMGBR for the pleasure of serving as Treasurer. A North American MGB Register Profit & Loss statement, October 7, 2008 to October 6, 2008 was provided as part of the treasurer report, it will be available in the next issue of the Driver

Respectfully Submitted-Alan Magnuson Treasurer

### **Meeting Notes:**

After the Officer's reports; Registrars and Coordinator reports were presented or read to those in attendance. Reports presented included: Editor, Advertising Coordinator, Convention Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator, 100,000-200,000 mile Registrar, Pull Handle Registrar, Convention Coordinator, Regalia Publicity, etc.

### **Editor Report- Robert Rushing**

Robert made a presentation indicating that he would be doing a free-lance report since he preferred it to reading a report. He acknowledged and Thanked Charles de Bourbon for his contributions with the Driver. Comments were made from Officers and others in attendance regarding the quality of the Driver. A comment was offered that a large part of our growth of NAMGBR, can be traced to the Driver, especially since the change to full color. Robert thanked everyone for the contributions and stated that everyone should keep their articles coming.

### **Advertising Coordinator- Charles de Bourbon**

Advertising for 2009 was a year of change. In short, all advertisers are paid up or in the process of sending in their remittance. Some advertisers were slow in sending in their checks and this could be due to the down turn in the economy. There were two advertisers that dropped their advertising, a business card, and a full-page advertisement.

Yet with the downturn in the economy; we gained a business card advertiser and a business card advertiser that upgraded to a full-page advertisement.

I feel that as the membership grows so will the interest in advertising, the readership of the MGB Driver goes well beyond NAMGBR members. MG car clubs around the country find the MG Driver a great source of information and entertainment. Members need to seek out possible advertisers and bring that information to my attention, Potential advertisers could be found in every car show our members attend.

There will be another mail out to our member clubs requesting them to spread the word about advertising. Hopefully' - it will generate interest. Advertisers feel supporting NAMGBR and the MGB Driver, are funds well spent keeping NAMGBR going.

As always, it has been a pleasure to serve as the Advertising Coordinator for the MGB Driver.

Respectfully submitted Charles de Bourbon

**Convention Coordinator-Tony & Lynne Burgress**

A report was prepared by Tony & Lynne and read into the record, at the AGM 2009

-MG 2009 we had 275 registrations including 15 cars within Concours

-Host Hotel was Beaver Run Resort-Breckenridge, CO

-MG2009 had major events daily

-Frisco BBQ

-Gateway to the Rockies

-Silver Dollar Tour

-Country Boy Mine and Dinner

-Saturdays Peak 9 Car Show

-Saturday Nights Banquet

-NORTHEAST REGIONAL EVENT

MG's on the Rocks. Held September 26<sup>th</sup> at Rock State Park, northwest of Baltimore, hosted 275 cars with 2/3 of them were MGB's, GT's and midgets. There was also a nice showing of MGA's and other British cars too- the majority of them Triumphs. The NAMGBR tent was set up and NAMGBR; gained three or four new members.

UP COMING EVENTS

MG2010- The Car Club of Toronto will be hosting this event in Belleville, ON, Canada-about 100 miles East of Toronto

MG2011 June 13-16 All Register Meet-Reno, NV

-Three hotels under contract

- Harrah's Museum

-Driving Events

-Register Night

MG2012-Several Clubs have expressed an interest to host this event.

MG2013- A presentation, will be made by the Willamette MG Club of Corvallis, Oregon

Respectfully Submitted -Tony & Lynne Burgress

### **Regalia Coordinator Elvin Davis**

The Regalia coordinator presented a report on regalia sales for the year listing items sold. He indicated that he continues to fill orders as they are received; and appreciated the recent decision to restock the inventory.

Respectfully Submitted- Elvin Davis

### **Publicity Coordinator Richard Liddick**

The following report was presented by Richard Liddick Publicity Coordinator. For 2009, I posted information about MG2009 meet at Breckenridge, CO. NAMGBR's annual convention on various web auto events calendars and with both the MG Car Club and the Mg owner Club. I give credit to Charles de Bourbon . While Chaz works with Robert Rushing on the production of the MGB Driver and is in charge of advertising, he manages to find time to put video clips on You Tube featuring the register. This title should really go to him-Thanks Charles

Respectfully submitted- Richard Liddick

### **100,000-200,000 Mile Registrar Jai Deagan**

The following report was submitted from Jai Deagan;- 100K & 200k Registrar. There is a two and 1-1/2 year supply of dash plaques (13) for the 100k registry and probably close to 100 plaques for the 200k registry, I will be checking into ordering more in the future.

The database; contains 163 cars with nearly 150 members. Some members have registered more than one car in this sub-register. There were 6 members who requested to join the 100k Register and two that requested to join the 200k since my last report. There was a first this past year. A member sold his car to a new owner who joined the Register and transferred the 100k membership to the new owner.

The new members to this sub registry this year were new members, the two who submitted to become 200k Registry also joined the 100K at the same time. Both of these were a result of having contact with them at the convention in Breckenridge.

Many different models on MG's are represented; in the Registry. The greatest majority have been MGB or MGBGT. 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 still get an occasional request to join this registry from persons who are not members. When this occurs, I send them a polite response with information on joining NAMGBR.

Respectfully submitted- Jai Deagan

### **1974 ½ Registrar Scott Perry**

The following report was read- into the record at the AGM as was submitted by Scott Perry. Hello all I am sorry I could not be here for the meeting. I am, “however”, happy to report all is well as far as the 1974 ½ Register goes. I took over back in January and quickly made sense of the fine work Steve Harding had done over the many years he held the post. We had about 140 cars registered when I weeded out the duplicates and incorrect entries. I have since added 50 + so we are definitely going in the right direction. With my re-introduction article in the MGB Driver a few issues ago, we generated a decent response from the 74 ½ crowd. I have heard from a few members re-confirmed their entry as well as provided some current photos and progress reports which I’ll use in future editions. I am continually scouring eBay or online BBS groups for new (to us) cars for the register as well as informing prospective owners about the register and NAMGBR in general. Through my articles in the MGB Driver, I am hoping to build on this resurgence of the 74.5 register and get more owners involved and excited about these unique cars

Respectfully Submitted -Scott Perry

### **Concour’s Coordinator Paul Hanley**

The following report prepared by Paul was read; into the records. I must step down as Concour’s Coordinator- for NAMGBR. Unfortunately, the economics of running a small business is too taxing these days to afford the required time to perform the Coordinators duties.

I have spoken to Mr. Robert Gloyd about the Coordinators leadership and, he is indeed interested. He is included in this email. In my conversation with him, I mentioned that I was not familiar how a transition “should” take place...does a Coordinators position need a vote or some procedural? Please let me know. As for Bob-he is highly qualified and needs little introduction. He has judged - Concours events; numerous times and ran Concours at MG2007 in my absence. He is a concours enthusiast; he will serve the program well. As for me ---what an honor it has been! Thank You for entrusting me. I am happy to assist in the transition in any way I can.

Safety Fast-

Paul Hanley

**MGB Limited Edition Registrar MGB/GT Special** Registrar Ken Smith

The following report read-into the records from Ken Smith. I submit this report, which I think, has ably demonstrated the growth of the NAMGBR over the past year.

We currently have information on file, of 3,150 MGB's. There is approx a 5:1 ratio of Roadsters to GT's

Of these 395 are MGB Limited Editions

137 are 1967 MGB/GT Specials

All Pull Handle MGB's in addition to the 74 ½ models are included in the main database.

I have continued to supply regular articles for the MGB Driver highlighting member's cars, and information, which I think members need to know and enjoy. We get lots of input from members and others, especially from overseas. With Denmark, Holland, Spain, Australia among them! Of course, we maintain strong links with the UK including people who worked at the MG factory.

Speaking of which; it will be thirty years this coming year 2010; since the factory closed its doors. I am proposing to revisit 1980 in a series of articles for the Driver. I think it would be interesting to ask members where they were when they heard the news that the MG factory was to closed. (or- had been closed)

We still need to encourage members to "Register their MGB "with me via the NAMGBR web site or by the form enclosed with new membership applications. We would also ask members to notify changes of address, or if they sell their MGB to pass membership information on to the new owner.

I would like at this time to give credit to Robert and Charles for the continuing excellence of the MGB Driver, also to Denny for his hard work in recruiting new and prospective members. Also, to you Bruce, for your Chairmanship over the past four years-you will be a hard act to follow.

Finally with the approval of the Chairman , Robert, and Chaz, I propose in the new year to compile a supplement to the Limited Edition information, which has emerged since I published a book on this model. This will be available only to members who have registered their L.E. with the NAMGBR and will be a non-profit operation funded by myself.

Respectfully Submitted-Ken Smith

### **Pull Handle Registrar Bill Barge**

The following report submitted by Bill Barge Pull Handle Registrar. The Pull-Handle sub-registrar of North American MGB Register is still growing. We currently have an even 200 registered Pull-Handle MGB's.

This past year, I received 39 pull-handle related e-mail from 17 distant pull handle owners. Correspondence has ranged from simple registration to parts questions to tracking the history of a classic MG. Many thanks to Ken Smith for his continued help in answering some of these questions,

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. As I submit some of the overdue articles for the MGB Driver, I expect to hear from more pull handle owners.

Safety Fast

Bill Barge

### **Service Coordinator Bruce Wyckoff**

The Mutual Aid Directory (MAD) was published; again this year and distributed to the members of the North American MGB Register. The increase in membership over the years lead to more names being- published in the directory.

This year honored our 2008 Enthusiast of the year, Ed Sweeney with a picture of his car on the cover of the MAD. This is a tradition we started in 2007 and plan to continue.

Once again- this year, we want to -Thank" the businesses that support the Directory through their advertising. From major parts suppliers like Moss Motors, Victoria British and Little British Car Company to a whole host of new repair shops that are first time advertisers with the MAD,

With NAMGBR members traveling from points; far and wide,- to attend MG2010 here in Belleville, we are planning to publish the 2010 issue of the MAD and have it to the members in advance of their journey to MG2010 next June.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce Wyckoff

### **Presentation From: the Willamette MG Club for MG2013**

A presentation was presented by Jeff Taylor & John Hatch , with high lights of what a future convention could be if selected as a host site for MG2013. Information and an overhead picture show were, presented for all to enjoy. All members enjoyed seeing the proposed site at Oregon State College, in Corvallis, Oregon.

The presentation showed pictures of the points of interest in and around Corvallis, OR, which- is approximately ninety miles south of Portland Oregon. Members were pleased to see the area and see what the club is planning- if selected to be host for MG2013.

NAMGBR wishes to thank the Willamette MG Club for sending representatives to the AGM for the presentation. In the near future, the Executive Officers will be discussing host sites for future conventions.

### **Award Winners for 2009**

The winner's of the, Annual Awards, were announced, and the Chairman gave a description of why the Executive officers felt they were deserved.

**Special Award-** Rocky Mountain Centre Car Club for their efforts hosting MG2009

**Good Samaritan Award-** Paul Dierschow for keeping our MGB's on the road

**NAMGBR's Chapter of the Year-** Kansas City MG Car Club in appreciation for their efforts in the MG Warrior Project

**NAMGBR's Special Award-** Midwest MGA Club in appreciation for their efforts in the MG Warrior Project

**NAMGBR's Ken Smith Award- Best Newsletter of the Year-**“St. Louis Metro Gazette Simon Dix, Editor

**NAMGBR's Enthusiast of the Year-** Laura Magnuson

**Special Appreciation Award** and a framed picture presented, to Bruce Wyckoff in appreciation for his service as Chairman.

### **Election of Officers**

The Chairman next thanked the officers for their service to NAMGBR and called for election results, the ballots for the open positions were opened , tallied and announced---

**Elected as Chairman                    - Richard Liddick**

**Elected to the Treasurer-        -Alan Magnuson**

There being no further business, the meeting; was adjourned at 04:16 P.M. 10/24/09

Denny Elimon