



MG-T Tattler

Newsletter of the Minnesota Chapter
New England MG "T" Register

Jim Grady, Editor

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GREETINGS FROM THE "CHAIR"

Well, we did it!

Twenty-six signed-up, card-carrying members of the Minnesota T Register are now on board. And, more charter memberships still rolling in. It is a great beginning we think - more than Bill Pletsch or I thought we'd have at this time. (One member - Jim Bailey - came all the way from Winnipeg.)

The fun comes next. Bob Figenskau and his group are planning some nifty events on the assumption that by July the snow will melt and we can get the cars out.

The newsletter is off the ground. This is it - Jim Grady's first shot. Big plans for the future. He has been eye-balling some great stuff in the publication of the Eastern New York and Delaware Valley Chapters which he intends to cheerfully steal and publish in future editions.

Warren Johnson and I have been scrounging spares around the country so we can help keep the group's cars on the road. (Our wives are counting on you to relieve us of a ton of goodies in the first flea market.)

So we are rolling. The Minnesota T Register is alive! A lot of MG T zanies like you and me banded together to maintain the breed, to kick the tires, swap parts, and smile smugly at the rest of the world.

Norm McMillan

BREATHLESS MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING

The first general membership meeting of the Minnesota MG T Register was held at the home of Norm McMillan on February 15, 1975. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Chairperson, McMillan. Norm welcomed all present and briefly gave the purpose of this meeting. He then introduced various people who had volunteered to head up committees. They were:

Robert Figenskau	Activities
Mark Brandow	Technical
Jim Grady	Newsletter
Bill Pletsch	Membership-Treasurer
Warren Johnson	Spares
George Christopherson	Projects-Regalia

Each committee chairperson spoke of his purpose and intentions for the future. Copies of the club constitution were passed out. A general discussion followed on various subjects. Slides of the Meridith, New Hampshire, GOF, were shown along with St. Croix Valley Tour. Membership Chairperson, Bill Pletsch, gave information on joining the local register as well as the New England T Register. Dues were collected. It was noted that Mr. Jim Bailey had traveled all the way from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to make this meeting. What spirit...

Meeting closed at 3:25.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP STILL OPEN

To date we have 26 active, paid members with several more inquiries recently.

Why join?

- Help maintain, preserve and enjoy the T series MG, exchange technical help, get help on finding spares. For FUN! Activities, meets, etc.

Remember, you must be a member of the New England MG T Register to qualify for membership in the Minnesota T Register. Application must be filled out completely including car and engine numbers.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP STILL OPEN, CONT'D

If a member of the New England Register...	Initiation	\$10.00
	Dues	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	Total	\$15.00
If not a member of the New England Register..	N.E. Register	\$ 8.00
	Initiation	\$10.00
	Dues	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	Total	\$23.00

Make checks payable to Minnesota T Register and mail to:

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Act now...you'll still be a charter member!

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Norm McMillan (Chairperson)	4655 Ellerdale Road Minnetonka MN 55343	TC/TC
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George Christopherson (Projects and Regalia)	7424 Wentworth Richfield MN 55423	TD
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Warren Johnson (Spares)	746 Cottage Place St. Paul MN 55112	TC
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MINNESOTA MG T REGISTER MEMBERSHIP, CONT'D.

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COMING EVENTS - Figenskau Hollers for Help!

Making plans and calendars is a lot of fun. Now we have to implement them to assure that we will have a super MG season. The Activities Board is officially made up of Gary Leavitt, John Davis, and me, Bob Figenskau. But, we need your support and ideas to make the programs happen. Many of the events we have listed on the calendars need chairmen, places, and detail planning.

Volunteer now...avoid being drafted later!

If any of you are familiar with rallies, gymkhanas, or know of places where we can hold swap meets or picnics, please let us know. If you have a favorite tour route or would like to suggest a spot for an outing, we would like to hear from you. Give me a call at 935-7909.

See you at our next outing...

MINNESOTA MG T REGISTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March		Making plans for a summer of MG T fun.
April 26	SAT	Place: Bill Pletsch's home, 1:00 p.m. Spring tune up and tech session. Mark Brandow, our technical chairman, will provide the how and help.
May 26	Memorial Day	Swap meet to be announced.
May 31	SAT	MG Marque Day at Classic Motorbooks, 3106 West Lake Street, 10:30 a.m. to browse through this extensive stock of books with a 15% discount on all MG related books.
June 1	SUN	A Sunday tour of St. Paul turn-of-the-century homes. Specifics later.
June 12, 13 and 14		National GOF MK XX, Springfield, Mass. Rally Picnic. Time and place to be announced.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CONT'D

July	Mini GOF MK1, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
July 12, 13	SCCA National Races, Brainerd International Speedway. Special parking and a parade lap on Sunday.
August	Tour Car Museum. Gymkhana. Times and places to be announced.
September	Tour/Rally/Picnic. Time and place to be announced. Milestone Car Society Get Together, Prior Lake, Minnesota.
October	Fall Color Tour. To be announced.
November	Fall planning meeting.
December	Holiday Banquet. Time and place to be announced.

HO, HUM - ANOTHER CLUB!

Grady's Editorial - Ho, Hum - Another Club

Your editor is not a person who needs just another club! No, he is a person who belongs to many car clubs and is too often "clubbed to death."

I have watched these car clubs become sounding boards for the Old Guard vs the New - the Board vs the Members - the Racers vs the Rallyists - the Prewar vs Postwar - to mention only a few.

Where does the Minnesota T Register fit into this? The people I have met and driven with seem to have a unique spirit that breathes camaraderie, good fellowship, and fun. I invite you to join the Minnesota T Register and take part in this unique club...

Hint of the Month

A handy gimmick for every T owner is a hood stick made from an old broom handle. Notch one end to fit the lower hood latch and wedge shape the other to fit the front upper hood latch. Store in your tool box...Save your head and car finish too...

WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED.....

NEWS ARTICLES, TECHNICAL ARTICLES, HUMAN INTEREST STORES for this Newsletter.

Do you have a favorite local garage or car service that you could recommend to others? Let's hear from you...

Spares for sale, trade, or wanted can be addressed to our Spares Chairperson, Johnson. He has a large supply and it's growing daily. Watch for his article next issue...

If you would like to help assemble this publication, type, or lick stamps, I would welcome you with open arms. Give me a ring.

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NEXT ISSUE...

Two feature articles:

1. How to buy a "T" series MG. What to look for.
2. Rebuilding the XPAG engine - Part I.