



OTTAWA MG CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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The Ottawa MG Club event calendar and event photos can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.geocities.com/motorcity/downs/7189/omgc.html>

Monthly Meetings - 3rd Thursdays Louis' Restaurant, Cyrville Road

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- 8) OMGC's 2nd Annual Ski The Slopes Weekend
(for MG down hillers & MG cross-county folks alike)
- 9) An Events "All Stuff Y2K Ready" Calendar
(a lot of fine events, a lot of good choices)

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT JANUARY & FEBRUARY MEETINGS

January 20: Meeting held at Hemmingways in Bells Corners (January ONLY!) With a special Garage Tour of 'Engines Extra'. A unique opportunity to experience their capabilities from simple brake rotor work to a complete engine blueprinting. Mr Garth Kewley from Engines Extra will conduct the tour.
(Meet at Hemmingways in Bells Corners at 7pm)

February 17: Back at the usual Louis' Steakhouse at the usual 7:30pm time for a POR-15® Rust Preventive Paint Presentation. You've heard about it! You've read about it. Now see it with your own eyes! Mr Pat Dolla from PORCAN Ltd is coming from Montreal to give us this special insight into this special product.

The Ottawa MG Club Christmas Party on December 11th was a grand success. Forty two MGers got together at the home of Mark & Heather Evenchick. Many, many thanks to these wonderful people for sharing their home. Donations of non-perishable foods were gratefully received and were delivered to the Food Bank on December 14th. Denis & Bonny even drove to the party in their "B" on that chilly night. Thanks to Debi and Mary and Heather and Chris for preparing the food. Thanks to all who brought desserts and recipes and thanks to all for bringing their Christmas cheer. And special thanks to Mark for leading us in a fine song to help commemorate Christmas, Y2K, MG's and special friends.

Making the Right Connection

Click...Click...Click. Oh, oh! If you hear this sound, or nothing happens when you turn over the ignition on your vehicle, you know you've got trouble.

But what kind? Before you do anything, try to determine the source of your problem. You can check your battery for power by turning on your headlights. If they are dim, or won't go on, you may have a poor battery connection.

Sometimes it helps to tap on the battery terminals. You may be able to jolt the battery and get your vehicle started. If the terminals are dirty or corroded, try cleaning them. Loosen the clamps, negative side first. When you're finished, refasten the clamps, negative side last.

Okay, try starting the vehicle again. Avoid turning the starter for more than 15 seconds. Still nothing! Too bad! Chances are your battery is dead and you'll need a boost or jump start. As a CAA member you already have the right connection. You know help is just a phone call away. But if someone offers to help you out?

Take it from the experts, it's not as easy as it sounds. Unless you make the right connection, you could damage your vehicle or your "good samaritan's" vehicle. Even worse, you could be injured if the battery explodes. Making the right

connection is very important.

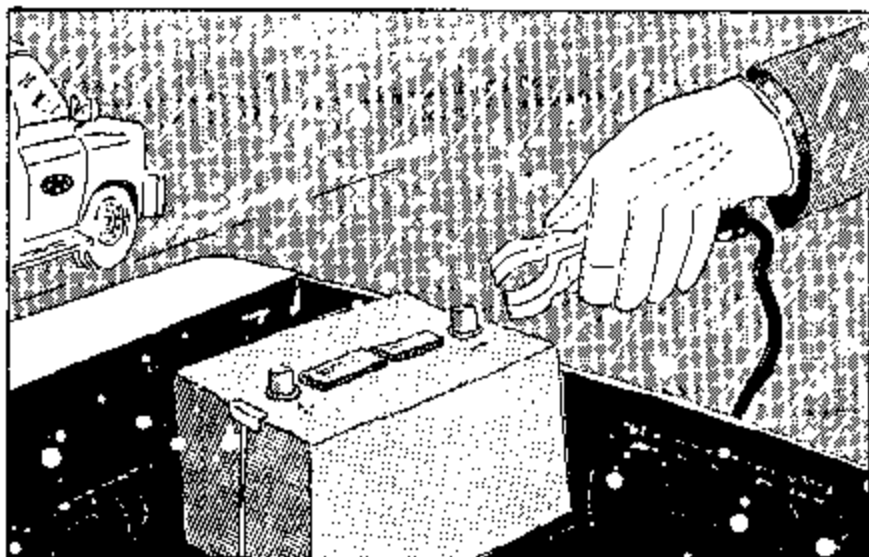
- Start by positioning the vehicles to line up their batteries but ensure the vehicles do not make contact.
- Turn off both vehicles and

attempt to boost the vehicle.

- If you can identify the terminals, proceed with caution. As a preventative measure against personal injury resulting from a

the car with the good battery. You could damage the alternator or the onboard computer if the cables have been connected improperly.

- Try to start the disabled vehicle, but avoid running the starter for periods longer than 15 seconds. Once it has started, the jumper cables should be removed in the reverse order listed above. Be careful of moving fan blades. The disabled vehicle should be brought to idling speed before disconnecting the black ground cable.
- Once started, drive your vehicle for at least 30 minutes to help recharge the battery.
- If you are having recurring problems with the operation of your battery, have it checked by a CAA Approved Auto Repair Service facility.
- If using jumper cables doesn't start the car within about five minutes, you may have a problem in the ignition or fuel system. Seek the help of a professional.



all battery powered accessories.


- Make sure both batteries have the same voltage and the same grounding system. Most vehicle models have 12-volt batteries and negative grounding. A few older models have six-volt batteries or have the positive battery terminal connected to the vehicle ground. These models should only be boosted by professionals. If in doubt about voltage or battery ground, check the owner's manual for both vehicles.
- Identify the positive and negative terminals on both batteries. Positive terminals are usually marked with POS, P, or "+" symbols. Negative terminals are marked with NEG, N, or "-" symbols. If you cannot identify positive and negative terminals, do not

battery explosion, CAA recommends that you wear protective clothing such as gloves and even a scarf around your face. Safety glasses are advisable if you have them.

- Attach the red jumper cable to the positive post of the good battery, then to the positive post of the dead one. Next, attach one end of the black cable to the negative post of the good battery and the other end of the black cable to the frame or engine block of the disabled vehicle (a ground connection) no less than 30 centimetres from the dead battery.
- By following this procedure, you will avoid the possibility that a spark produced by the last connection will ignite explosive gases that might be seeping from the dead battery.
- Don't start the engine of



Five surgeons are taking a coffee break. First surgeon says: "Accountants are the best to operate on because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered. Second says: "Nah, librarians are best ... everything inside is catalogued." Third says: "Try electricians, man - everything inside them is colour-coded." Fourth says he prefers lawyers: "Minimal work - they are heartless, spineless, gutless and their heads and butts are inter-changeable." To which the fifth, who had been quietly listening to the conversation, says: "Well I prefer restorers of British cars... they always understand when you have a few parts left over at the end."

OTTAWA MG CLUB				
Financial Statement				
Jan 1/99 - December 31/99				
	1999	1999	1998	1998
RECEIPTS				
1999 Dues	\$1,930.00		\$1,555.00	
Regalia	\$1,024.00		\$761.00	
Registration Monte Carleton, Draw	\$121.00			
		\$3,075.00		\$2,316.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
Newsletter, Postage	\$646.99		\$522.97	
Social (food) 1999	\$880.52		\$1,505.33	
Regalia	\$921.44		\$531.13	
Flowers			\$45.43	
Insurance	\$211.00		\$179.00	
Misc. (name tags, trophy, projector rental)	\$186.30		\$165.81	
Donation	\$50.00			
		\$2,896.25		\$2,949.67
SURPLUS		\$178.75		(\$633.67)
BAL.FWD. - LAST YEAR		\$1,162.56		\$1,796.23
BANK BALANCE		\$1,341.31		\$1,162.56
Inventory of Regalia & Cash as of December 31		\$771.00		\$900.00
Total Assets		\$2,112.31		\$2,062.56
 J. Gilles Leduc - Treasurer				

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The club Treasurer, Gilles Leduc, is asking for a volunteer to review the Ottawa MG Club financial records. You do NOT have to have any accounting designation for this simple review. And you should NOT be on the Executive. Gilles is looking

for a volunteer to listen to the financial process he follows while conducting the club's transactions and briefly review the values recorded, to confirm that the methods and values are reasonable. Can anyone spare a few moments to help in this matter? Talk to Madame President (Debi), or to Mr. Treasurer (Gilles). Thanks!



The Emerald Necklace MG Register extends an invitation to all MG enthusiasts as we celebrate our 20th year by hosting MG2000 - **The 9th Annual International Convention of The North American MGB Register** in Cleveland, Ohio, June 15 - 18, 2000. Enjoy the splendor of the North Coast as well as one of America's finest metroparks systems.

More information is available on our website at www.mgcleveland.com or contact Lynne Burgess at 614/899-2394.

We highly suggest booking your hotel rooms now at the Holiday Inn located at I-77 and Rockside Road, Independence by calling direct at 216/524-8050. Please ask for Lisa and be sure to mention MG2000 to get the event rate of \$99.00 per night.

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INFORMATION PACKAGES AND REGISTRATION SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM LEN FORTIN

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A Note To Local Members: I received a Christmas Card from Paul & Sherry Albenese addressed to all Ottawa MG Club members. Paul & Sherry are club members, formerly from Ottawa, who now live in Eastern Passage, N.S. Their card wished us all a special share of happiness in the holiday season. They miss us all and they miss the club outings. Paul said that he was driving his "B" on December 20th. Len Fortin. (with thanks to these good eastern folks)

It's certainly not too early to get prepared for this great annual event. In fact, now is the right time to get your arrangements underway. The plan is to leave on Saturday morning, from a point yet to be determined. We will be staying at the wonderful Gananoque Inn on Saturday night. A one hour boat tour of the 1000 Islands on Saturday afternoon, your dinner on



Saturday night and your breakfast on Sunday morning are included in the package price of \$217/couple or \$153/single rate. I'm sure you will agree this is quite a reasonable rate which has been negotiated for the group. Twenty rooms had been reserved when the planning got underway a while back and already 15 have been confirmed by enthusiastic Cheepo-Cheepoians. If your'e not certain of your availability for this weekend, but would like to go, I suggest that you

book now and cancel later if need be. You can cancel directly with the hotel as late as one week prior to the event without charges. If you are considering coming on this grand tour, please contact Gilles Leduc with your credit card information.



Good times guaranteed

Good weather also guaranteed!!!



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(know why the name of this event has changed from "Cheapo-Cheapo" to "Cheepo-Cheepo" ? That's how it's spelled in Dutch. This is in recognition of the heritage of the owner/host of the Gananoque Inn)

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At The October 1999 monthly meeting, a new "driving test" was conducted. Participants were given maps and instruction sheets and asked to follow the instructions from the starting point in Ottawa to the ending point in Arnprior. Below listed are the instructions and the correct answers and the results.

Ottawa MG Club - Indoor Rally - October 21, 1999

Start at Ottawa and head for Sudbury along major roads #417 & #17

Stop in North Bay

Record the distance travelled from Ottawa to North Bay 365km

Continue on to Sudbury on the same major road

Record the name of the large lake on the south side Nipissing

Stop in Sudbury

Record the distance from North Bay to Sudbury 125km

Travel along a major road heading south

Record the number of the major road you are travelling on 69

Travel for a distance of no less than 150 kms

and no more than 160 kms

Stop in the town at the intersection of the major roads

Record the name of the town you are stopped in Parry Sound

Travel along a major road that heads east

Record the number of the major road you are travelling on 124

Travel on this major road until it ends

Record the number of the major road where it ends 11

Record the name of the town close to the intersection Sundridge

Record the name of the lake close by this spot Bernard

Travel south for 56 kms

Stop in the town at this spot

Record the name of the town you are stopped in Huntsville

Travel 52 more kms

Stop in the town at this spot

Record the name of the town you are stopped in Gravenhurst

Backtrack along the major road for 12 kms

Turn right at the intersection

Record the number of the major road you have turned onto 118

Travel until an intersection with another major road

Record the number of the intersecting major road 35

Search for a major airport that is no more than 160kms away

and no less than 150kms away as the crow flies

Magically move to the airport you have found

Record the name of the airport you have arrived at North Bay

Attach wings to your MG and fly to Lancaster, Ontario

There is no airport in Lancaster so you have to land

in the yard of Dave & Lise McDonnell in North Lancaster

Record the number of the east/west minor road their home is on 18

Travel on that minor road to a major road where

you can quickly get to Alexandria, Ontario

Record the number of the major road to Alexandria 34

Travel to Alexandria on that major road and **stop** there

Travel in a westerly direction along a major road

Record the number of the major road heading west 43

Cross 4 other major roads and **stop** at the 5th major road

Record the name of the town you are stopped in Perth

Travel along major road #511

What direction are you travelling in north

Record the number of the first major road you meet 16

In what village does major road #511 end Calabogie

What major road do you take to get to major road #17 508

Travel along this major road to major road #17 and record

the name of a close by, famous Ottawa MG Club event location White Lake

Travel to Arnprior along highway #17

Record the distance to get to Arnprior 18km

Stop in Arnprior and turn in the scorecard

1st place: Ivan & Andre
2nd place: Rorry & Susan
3rd place: Mary & Tim & Penny
Last Place: Ihor & Heather

Ottawa MG Club - 2nd Annual Ski Trip - February 19 & 20, 2000 - Gray Rocks / Mont Tremblant

Were you among the MG folks that braved the snow and the cold and the wind last February, all in the name of a good time on the slopes? Well, if you were not part of that group, you missed a hell-of-an event. So now you have a chance to catch a bit of the Ottawa MG Club Ski Trip fever by coming along with a fine bunch of people to tackle the cold and the snow and the wind in February 2000. Sound like fun? Sure it does and sure it is! Contact Jordan soon to set up your accommodation arrangements and then get out your skis and winter weather clothing. Oh yes, you will need your swim suit also to take advantage of the hot tub and pool facilities at the inn after the skiing is done for the day. Last year's ski weekend started very early Saturday morning for some and a little later Saturday morning for others. Well, this year you can also head for the inn on Friday night and relax the evening away before heading to the slopes or the cross-country trail on Saturday morning. If you prefer to drive up on Saturday, that's fine too. We'll be looking forward to seeing you for the second annual Ottawa MG Club Ski Weekend!

Rates: Saturday night Pavilion Room \$117+tax/pp/bdo \$160+tax/pp/bso
Friday night 2 bdrm condo \$102+tax/pp/bdo \$153+tax/pp/bso
Includes two regular meals, facilities, ski lift tickets for Grey Rocks/Mont Blanc

Jordan can be reached at jordan@compmore.net or 839-1821.

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News & Views Of Club Events & Meetings From The Tail End Of 1999

The Fall Colour Run - A Cold & Chilli October Story

This was an event to be remembered throughout the Fall and Winter season. It was, how do the Brit's say it?, ... "bloody cold!" But the company and the cars and the chilli at the end of the run turned the whole event into a warming experience. There was one point where Jordan, the Run-Master, asked participants if they wished to turn east and take a quick route back to the South March finish line or turn west and do the whole run. If my memory serves me correctly, Martin Handforth in his "B" and Debi and I in the "A" thought the east route would be best but most others selected the long westerly route. This was a mistake! Although no one arrived at Jordan & Heather's place in a 'frozen solid' state, it was good to get inside and enjoy some wonderfully warm chilli and beans. And the ale and the wine were good too! The tech sessions outside included a wheel alignment on the "A" with the ever-popular Twicky-Stick and a variety of other adjustments and tech talk about MG things. The craft session inside was slow to start as the navigators seemed to have more important things to talk about. But overall the day was a good one as they mostly are when it comes to MG's and MG people.

The Annual General Meeting - A November Executive Newsmaker

On November 18th 1999 a new Technical Director took office and a Vice-President was acclaimed. Jordan Jones kindly accepted the position of Vice-President of the Ottawa MG Club (previously vacant) and Dave Moore graciously took the position of Technical Director (previously held by Jordan). Of course you know what this means, don't you? Now we get to call Dave "Mr. T" and we get to call Jordan "Mr. VP". I know Debi (also known as "Madame President") welcomed the changes to the executive as she enters her second year of the two-year presidential term. Thanks to all for the support you have show for the executives of the club.

OTTAWA MG CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2000

-----> MG Club Highlight and Feature Events <-----					
date			event	time	contact/info
January	20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Hemmingways (Tour of Engines Extra Shop)	7:00 pm	Jordan / Debi
February	2-6	Wed-Sun	International Auto Show @ the Congress Center		
	17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (Demo by POR Canada - POR15 Rust Preventative Paint)	7:30 pm	Jordan / Debi
----->	18-20	Fri-Sun	Ottawa MG Club 2nd Annual Ski Trip		Jordan
	20	Sun	Eastern Ontario Car Show in Napanee	1:00 pm	
	25	Fri	VW Beer & Pizza Night at the Prescott Hotel	unconfirmed	Micheline
March	4-5	Sat-Sun	Toy & Train Show Nepean Sportsplex		
----->	11	Sat	Triumph Club Darts Match @ Le Scratch	unconfirmed	OVTC
	16	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (Picture & Video Night - bring your photos!note: the Lea Barker Restoration Video will be presented on some other evening during March - to be announced)	7:30 pm	Len / Debi
	31-2	Fri-Sun	Autorama Show @ the Civic Center		
April	20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7:30 pm	Debi
----->	29	Sat	Spring Tune-Up at Miniman	9:00 am	Dave
May	13	Sat	Duck Race for CHEO at Hartwell Locks	10:30 am	Wayne Elwood
----->	13-14	Sat-Sun	Cheepo-Cheepo Y2K in Gananoque		Gilles
	18	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (Jay Robertson presents 'Waterless' carwash products)	7:30 pm	Eric / Debi
----->	28	Sun	MG Run To North Lancaster	9:00 am	Dalton
	28	Sun	British Car Week Celebration in Montreal, Quebec (likely to connect these two events)		Len
----->	June	04	Byward Market Classic Car Show	9:00 am	Shannon
----->		10 or 11	MG Spring Run with Bill & Joy Curnoe	9:00 am	Len / Bill
		13	All British Cruise Night, Snack Shack, Kemptville	7:00 pm	Dalton
		15-18	MG 2000 NAMGBR in Cleveland, Ohio		Len
		15	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7:30 pm	Mark
----->		18	Another Event With the Virago Club	unconfirmed	Karl
----->		25	Sporting Classics Richmond Car Show	10:00 am	OVTC
July	1	Thr	Arnprior Canada Day Celebrations & Car Show		
----->	1-2	Sat-Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet Prince Edward County Tour	unconfirmed	Wes
	9	Sun	OMGC Croquet Match in Greely	1:30 pm	Len
	17-21	Mon-Fri	NAMGAR GT25 MGA Register Morgantown WV		Len
	20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7:30 pm	Jordan
----->	29 or 30	Sat-Sun	White Lake Splash	10:00 am	Janet / John
August	6	Sun	VW Volksfest in Embrun	10:00 am	Micheline Lane
----->	13	Sun	OMGC Boat Cruise / 10 th Anniversary (how about the Cumberland Ferry with Asti Spumanti Champagne?)	unconfirmed	?
	17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (Pit Stop Rally II)	7:30 pm	Debi
----->	20	Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet All British Car Day	unconfirmed	Wes
	20	Sun	Monte Carleton Rally (likely to connect these two events)	9:00 am	Len / Doug
	26-27	Sat-Sun	Niagara Wine Country Tour / 10 th Anniversary	unconfirmed	?
September	09-10	Sat-Sun	Watkins Glen Racing	unconfirmed	?
----->	17	Sun	Bronte Creek British Car Day	unconfirmed	Len / Mike
	21	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant	7:30 pm	Debi

		22-24		(tire kicker topic not yet confirmed) Fri-Sun British Invasion at Stowe, Vermont		Len
---->	October	01	Sun	Fall Colour Run (tech & craft)	10:30 am	Jordan / Debi
		19	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (indoor rally)	7:30 pm	Debi
	November	16	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Louis' Restaurant (Annual General Meeting)	7:30 pm	Debi
---->	December	09	Sat	Ottawa MG Club CHRISTMAS PARTY	7:00 pm	Debi