



# Ottawa MG Club

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### Great Christmas Party!

Certainly was lots of fine people & lots of great food & lots of enjoyable singing! No, I really mean it. Jim, Mark & Marie's music was wonderful and the singing was great!! So, to Mark & Heather for the house, Thank You! And, to Mary Attwell for the food prep, Thank You! And to all those that helped donate such a huge pile of stuff for the Ottawa Food Bank, Thank You! And to everybody for making the evening a great one, Thank You Very Much!

### Monthly Meetings Held On 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

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## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT JANUARY & FEBRUARY MEETINGS

### January 16<sup>th</sup> RCAF Officers Mess Dinner Meeting 6pm

Get set for a very enjoyable dinner meeting at a wonderful spot. The last time we met here was in November 2001. **Notify Ivan Wood [ivanwood@compuserve.com](mailto:ivanwood@compuserve.com) if you intend to join us and be sure to call Kim Whelan in advance at 233-4610 ext 22 to set up your meal selection.** See meal and other information inside this issue.

### February 20<sup>th</sup> Cock & Bull Eatery 7pm

The meeting subject has not yet been confirmed as arrangements are still underway, but, it will either be a speaker from Transport Canada about 'Smart Cars' or the annual winter picture and video night. And what ever does happen at this February meeting, the other will then happen at the March meeting. Hope to confirm to you soon.

Welcome to new members: Quiller and Colleen Graham Ottawa '79 MGB LE  
Keith Percy Ottawa '80 MGB

### A Diesel MG?

Yes you heard right. I was leafing through an MG magazine from the U.K. when I came across an article on the new MG direct injection turbo diesel. This is basically one of the small Rover saloons that has been 'tarted' up and 'badged' as an MG in the best BMC / British Leyland tradition of badge engineering. It is intended to boost MG sales on the continent where diesel engine cars are in demand. The power plant is a 2-litre, overhead cam, four cylinder based on the O series engine which was designed to replace the venerable B Series engines in our MGB's. As we all know this never happened since the MGB was cancelled. It's good to know that parts bin engineering is alive and well at MG Rover - never throw a good design away! According to the article the car is an entertaining drive; not as quick off the line as the petrol engine version but with superior in gear acceleration. And of course it is considerably more fuel efficient. Mike Price

## Ottawa MG Club Special Dinner Meeting

A Special Dinner Meeting will be held Thursday Jan 16th 2003, at the RCAF Officer's Mess, 158 Gloucester Street You must let the folks at the RCAF Mess know in advance if you will be attending. Please make a meal selection from the three options below and then call the RCAF Mess Special Events Coordinator, Kim Whelan, with your selection and payment method:

**For the entree, please select one of these:**

- 1) Medallions Of Lamb in Rosemary Sauce**
- 2) Grilled Beef Tenderloin in Pepper Sauce**
- 3) Pan Grilled Tilapia White Fish**

[The appetizer selection can be made at the event.]

Each dinner selection costs \$32. Dinner includes an appetizer and entree of your choice above, potatoes, a sautee of mixed winter vegetables, assorted pastries, tea or coffee, rolls and butter. Payment requirements are different than previous meetings at the RCAF Officer's Mess. Payment for the meals **MUST** be made with a credit card **BEFORE** the event. Therefore meal selection & credit card information must be supplied ASAP.

**Please call Kim Whelan, the Special Events Coordinator, at the RCAF Mess 233-4610 ext 22 and provide your meal selection and credit card details.**

Lets meet at 6pm for cocktails / cash bar / and have dinner at 7pm (you can buy wine with your meal at the event)

Parking is available in the local area and is usually a reasonable flat rate for the evening. Let me also remind you there is a dress regulation at the RCAF Officer's Mess. At this special meeting and meal, MG gentlemen should wear a nice long sleeved shirt and a tie or a jacket and tie. For the MG ladies, similar, nice daywear is expected. Jeans of any type and tee shirts are not permitted. A cloakroom is available at the main entrance to store your outerwear during the meeting / meal, should the weather be inclement. Looking forward to seeing you at this special event. You can chat with Ivan Wood about the event if you have questions. Ivan can be reached at 998-9753 or 692-2404 or [ivanwood@compuserve.com](mailto:ivanwood@compuserve.com)

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### Update To Shipping Items From The USA

In a previous newsletter issue, on the topic of "Shipping Items From The USA" the published article indicated: "Contrary to popular belief, there is no Canada Customs code for "car parts for antique cars," or "car parts for car over 25 years old." Nor is there a code for used parts, so identifying your parcel as such does nothing to affect the duty." An update has come from Mark Evenchick and there appears to be a classification: Parts For Cars 25 Years Old Customs Code: 8708.99.99.90 Tariff Code: 9966 See Mark for details.

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### Notes And Information From The Annual General Meeting – November 2002

I'm hoping you'll agree that the year 2002 was a good one for the Ottawa MG Club. At the November AGM, President Jordan Jones guided MGCers through a whirlwind tour of many events that are in the planning stages for next year. The 2003 calendar of events is full of good stuff, some the same and some brand new. A tentative copy is on the last page of this newsletter. (This issue also includes a list of club members and contact information.) At the meeting, Jordan announced that Frank Rizzuti has been appointed as a Director of the OMGC for a one-year term. Frank will be helping the club on a variety of old and new ventures. And Jordan awarded the Hugo Leech Trophy for 2002 to Mary Attwell. Mary, as you know, is a real MG spirit lady. Congratulations to Frank and to Mary!

Now for those folks who were at the AGM and did not understand why Sparky and Beetle were carrying around the election posters [MG Pat, the Man with Gusto] and giving out the election buttons [My Guy Pat], ...well, these guys thought there might be a real election to oust the current Mr. President and they felt Pat Paulson (whose motto was "if nominated I will not run and if elected I will not serve") might be a worthy opponent. However, Jordan has another year in his term and no vote was held.

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#### FOR SALE: 1978 MGB Roadster

Mechanical: New parts and / or modifications:

alternator; cylinder head; twin SUs with K&N filters; pre-Stromberg exhaust manifold; stainless steel resonator; Lucas high-performance coil; clutch/pressure plate; brakes including master cylinder; rear springs; front & rear shocks; Yokohama tires; reconditioned rad with custom cooling fan; 80lbs oil pressure cold / 60lbs hot; engine may require reborning

Interior: New inner and outer sills; channel rails; floor sections; soft top; front fenders have some rust but are very salvageable

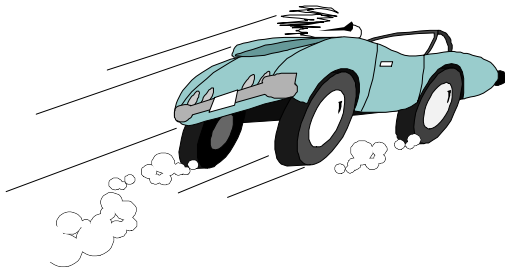
Call: Rob Berndt office 613-728-0826 (ext 1402) home 613-258-9623 email robert.berndt@corel.com

#### FYI, from the Twin-Cam owners group

This message recently appeared on the UK MGCC Bulletin Board: Great source for MGA used parts. I just purchased a complete rear clip for my 1600 from Classic Roadsters Inc, located in Hingham, MA. at a price so low that I can't even print it. I was up at the shop on December 7<sup>th</sup> to pickup the clip and Dean Gillis, the owner, has 2 warehouses full of MGA parts for sale. You name it, he has it. Plus Jaguar, Triumph and Austin Healy parts. Dean is currently liquidating his inventory of parts at fire sale prices due to losing his lease and needs to sell off as much inventory as he can before the end of January when he has to move. So move fast and you will save BIG \$\$\$\$\$. He has been in the business of restoring British cars for over 20 years. Dean accepts MC and Visa and will ship anywhere. You can reach him at 781-749-9580 or e-mail him at [deangillis@netzero.net](mailto:deangillis@netzero.net)

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## Cheepo Cheepo 03 "SLC" – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 - A Shore Line Cruise



The winter solstice is passed and the days are getting longer. Spring catalogues will soon be arriving including the Victoria British Winter Sale. Arrangements have been made for Cheepo Cheepo 03. Package cost is \$188.86 per couple including dinner, accommodations and breakfast buffet. This also includes all taxes and gratuities.

We will be starting from Tim Horton's in Kemptville and driving through the highlands of Lanark County, stopping for a picnic on the shores of Calabogie Lake, then proceeding along the shores of the Madawaska River arriving at the Arnprior Inn on the shores of the mighty Madawaska. A block of twenty reservations has been made for the club. If you wish to attend this weekend outing, please contact Bob Stark at 258-4636. All bookings must be received no later than April 30th.

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### TECHNICAL SESSION PLANNING

The Ottawa MG Club is preparing to setup and conduct some structured technical sessions in the new year. The club has organized some Garage Tours in past years and they were both fun and informative. And it appears that we frequently have small impromptu technical sessions, or Roadside Restorations, mixed with our driving and social events. With our significant membership increase over the last two years, it appears to be time to reactivate the scheduled technical sessions for all club members. Recently, club Director Frank Rizzuti spoke to Eric from British Automotive and Eric would be more than happy to hold some technical sessions at his shop. Eric does seem to prefer weekday evenings as opposed to Saturday's. Our club Treasurer (and pretty good technical chap, too), Mike Daniels, has offered to do some of the sessions at the British Automotive location. Now, what we need is some feedback suggestions from club members, to be sure we run sessions on the topics that are of interest to members. What stuff would you like to see:

- \* What To Look For When Buying A Car [especially a little British sports car]
- \* Preparing For Winter Storage [could be run as a "Fall Tune Down Evening" as opposed to a Spring Tune Up Day]
- \* How To Adjust Valve Lash [you certainly don't want your valve lashes too long]
- \* Tuning SU Carbs [this might be an all-nighter]
- \* Proper Cooling System Care [whether you drive to Texas or not]
- \* How To Replace And Adjust Points, Set Timing, and 'Read' Spark Plugs
- \* Batteries and Electrical Stuff, Maintenance and Testing [we're sure to meet Mr. Lucas, Prince of Darkness]
- \* Refurbishing Alternators, Fuel Pumps and Other Stuff

These are just a few suggestions of many topics for proposed technical evening sessions. It appears that the Wednesday before our regular monthly club meetings is most favoured at this point in time, but feedback on this would be appreciated. With your suggestions and feedback, the sessions can be organized and the Event Calendar for 2003 can be updated.

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### OMGC - SU Carbs and Parts For SU Carbs - Information For OMGC Members

Ottawa MG Club member, Michael Cooper, has informed me that he is planning a visit to the UK in March. Here is what he wrote in his recent email note to me: "Len, I will be visiting my brother in Dorset in March, and plan to visit Burlen, the SU company in Salisbury. I would be happy to pick up small items (ie, carry back in luggage ) like SU needles, for club members. Could this be announced, by e-mail or newsletter? Interested individuals could e-mail or phone me their orders, giving part numbers. These part numbers are obtained through their website at [www.burlen.co.uk](http://www.burlen.co.uk), or e-mail enquiry at [info@burlen.co.uk](mailto:info@burlen.co.uk) Happy MGing Year"

MG Folks: I am sending this information to all electronically connected OMGC members and this information will be in the January newsletter. You can contact Michael Cooper at home in Wakefield at 819-459-2787 or [cooperm@magma.ca](mailto:cooperm@magma.ca) . Michael will confirm payment arrangements with any individuals that want to take up this offer for "pick-up" and "haul-back" of small parts.

# OTTAWA MG CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

→ MG Club Highlight and Feature Events ←

→	Month	Date	Day	Event	Time	Information Contact
	Jan	16	Thr	Dinner at RCAF Officers Mess \$32 person	6pm	Ivan Wood 692-2404
	Feb	7 - 9	Fri - Sun	OMGC Ski Weekend		Jordan Jones 839-1821
		20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Cock&Bull Eatery "Smart Cars by Transport Canada" or Metal Fabrication - Robin Craig - Moose Metalwork	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821 Doug McClure 824-0168
	Mar	20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Louis' Restaurant Picture and Video Night (not yet confirmed)	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821 Len Fortin 821-3140
		?	?	Plating Seminar (not yet confirmed)	?	Mark Evenchick 521-3097
	Apr	6	Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet Auto-Jumble in Kingston	10am	Mike Daniels 592-5408 Dalton Begin 258-3506
		17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Cock&Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		?	?	Part Swap Day / Evening	?	?
→		26	Sat	OMGC Spring Tune Up @t British Automotive	9am	Dave Moore 836-1381
	May	10	Sat	Duck Race for CHEO @ Hartwell Locks	10am	Len Fortin 821-3140
		15	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Louis' Restaurant	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		?	?	OMGC Takes A Trip Around The East Coast	?	?
		?	?	Driving Slalom Activities I (not yet confirmed)		Paul Williams 233-6982 Mike Daniels 592-5408
→		25	Sun	OMGC Run To North Lancaster	9am	Dalton Begin 258-3506
	Jun	1	Sun	Byward Market Auto Classic Car Show	9am	S. Mannion 594-9128
		7 - 8	Sat - Sun	Cheepo-CheepOh 3 "SLC"	10am	Bob Stark 258-4636
		10	Tue	British Cruise Night @ Snack Shack	7pm	Dalton Begin 258-3506
		19	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Cock&Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		?	?	Driving Slalom Activities II (not yet confirmed)		Paul Williams 233-6982 Mike Daniels 592-5408
		19-22	Thr - Sun	NAMGBR in St. Louis USA		Len Fortin 821-3140
		22	Sun	Sporting Classics Richmond Car Show	9am	OVTC
		27-29	Fri - Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet Prince Edward County Tour		Wes Meyers 386-3797
→		28	Sat	Gumball Rally with Bill and Joy Curnoe	9am	Joy Curnoe 258-5493
→		?	?	2003 Edition of Canadian Tire Car Day	?	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
	Jul	1	Tue	Canada Day Car Show in Arnprior	10am	Karl Leclerc 841-2353
		6	Sun	Evolution of Wheels Science & Tech Museum	9am	S. Mannion 594-9128
→		13	Sun	OMGC Route 66 Run with Dave and Helen	9am	Dave Moore 836-1381
		16-20	Wed - Sun	NAMGAR in Oregon USA		Len Fortin 821-3140
		17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Louis' Restaurant	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
	Aug	21	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Cock&Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		24	Sun	B'n'B All Brit Car Day @ Kingston	10am	Mary Attwell 836-3133
→		24	Sun	OMGC Monte Carleton Run	9am	Mary Attwell 836-3133
		?	?	Corn Roast with Dave and Michele	?	Dave Stringer 679-1825
	Sep	6-7	Sat - Sun	Watkins Glen Racing		Mike Daniels 592-5408
		18	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Louis' Restaurant	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
→		19-21	Fri - Sun	British Invasion @ Stowe, VT		?
		?	Sun	Bronte Creek British Car Show		Paul Williams 233-6982
		?	?	Vintage Car 200k Charity Rally	?	C. Hamm OttawaMotorsportClub
→	Oct	5	Sun	OMGC Fall Colour Run	9am	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		16	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Cock&Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
	Nov	20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meet @ Louis' Restaurant	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
	Dec	6	Sat	OMGC Christmas Party	6pm	Mary Attwell 836-3133