



# Ottawa MG Club

## Newsletter

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### MG Folks

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[a Financial Statement appears on member copies only]

### IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS

#### March 20<sup>th</sup> Louis' Steakhouse 7pm:

Driving season is getting closer and closer, so this annual “Picture Show” meeting should get your blood running quick. Bring your favourite photo(s) for all to see through the magic of the old fashioned overhead projector. Laptop technology will also be onsite for other forms of ‘photos’.

#### April 17<sup>th</sup> Cock & Bull Eatery 7pm:

This will be our first Tire Kicker Meeting for the new driving season. Although the “Spring Tune Up” is still more than a week away from this meeting, if your MG is ready to go, be sure to bring yourself and bring your MG so we can all start this driving year on the right foot. Safety Fast!

### Welcome to new members:

Mike Rowlands  
 John & Suzanne Holland

Ottawa  
 Nepean '75 Midget

**Announcement:** You may have noticed that the position of Vice-President is now vacant. Unfortunately, Paul Williams has resigned the position due to overwhelming work commitments. Paul is a long time member of this club and he has provided help in all sorts of ways. He has nurtured the activities on our event calendar. He was a tremendous help in the club's MGB 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party celebrations. He is extremely knowledgeable in the automotive world. His passion for British cars and especially MGs - to acquire them, to fix them and to sell them - has provided some of our other members with the cars they drive. [There are those among us that say, “That's not your car... that's Paul Williams car”] Thanks, Paul!!!! From the members of the Ottawa MG Club.

## **LEFT or RIGHT**

What side of the road do you drive on? Oh! And why is that?

You can tell it has been a long cold winter without being able to work on, or most importantly drive, our LBC's. So off to the Internet for some enlightening answers.

Why the Left side of the road: Here are a couple of replies to this question:

- 1- A recommendation issued at Lancashire Quarter Sessions on 6th August 1795. Several accidents having occurred through poorly regulated traffic, owners of carriages were advised "to give direction to their servants, coachmen, wagons, etc. to observe the following rule: always keep on the left side of the road. By keeping on the left side of the road is meant that every driver shall keep his hand to the wall or fence."
- 2- An article in the Times (London) suggests that left side driving results from the fact that carriage drivers liked to sit on the right to give their whip hand more freedom. Have you whipped your MG lately?

Why the Right side of the road: I received these answers:

- 1- Many of the early roads were built by the Romans and by remaining to the right; it was always the right way back to Rome?
- 2- Napoleon's armies, in their conquest of Europe, marched on the right... so this must be correct.

So that's my story and I'm sticking to it. What's yours?

Bob Stark

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## **How One Family Gets New Members For The Ottawa MG Club**

(a wee true story from club members Dave and Lise McDonell in North Lancaster, Ontario)

Let me tell you what happened recently... Many of you know Sam McDonell, one of our two young sons. Well, Sam has a new friend who recently moved to this area. His name is also Sam... Sam Walsh - and he is a strawberry blonde haired boy and in the same class as our Sam. We thought, (and his parents as well) that it was bizarre for these two little boys to have the same hair color and name. Anyway, they play hockey together and are really becoming good friends. Recently one day, Sam McDonell went to visit Sam Walsh. While he was visiting, he toured their garage (as any MG family member would do) and came into the house amazed. He said to Mrs. Walsh, "You didn't tell me you owned an MG?" She replied, "Yes Sam. We own a 1971 MGB, and we have 4 children." Sam proceeded to tell Mrs. Walsh that they have to join the Ottawa MG Club because we are members and that they would have a lot of fun going to car shows and things. Mrs. Walsh thought this was so funny. Anyway, we told the Walsh's that they have to come to the Run To North Lancaster party in the spring and meet the members of the club. [I knew you'd enjoy this story. See you in May.]

Lise McDonell

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## **The Specialist Can See You Now**

A proctologist was forced to change careers because malpractice insurance became ridiculously expensive. So he decided to become an auto-mechanic. He found out from the local technical college what was involved, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could. When the time for the practical exam approached, the proctologist prepared carefully for weeks, and completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back, he was surprised to find he had obtained a mark of 150%. Fearing an error, he said to the instructor, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wondered if there had been an error which needed adjusting." The instructor said, "No error! During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which is worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark. I gave you an extra 50% because you did all of it through the muffler."

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## **A Note Of Thanks To All MG Folks Who Helped Out With Food Donations**

Our club has received a very nice thank-you letter from the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. They really appreciated the 21 bags of much needed groceries that we collected at our Christmas party. It went a long way towards providing food for those less fortunate at a tough time of year. The donation says a lot about the giving nature of the people in our club - thanks!

Doug McClure

Special Seminar  
For Drivers & Navigators of the Ottawa MG Club Only  
Saturday, March 22nd at 10am  
Mark Evenchick calls it:

## **"ELECTROPLATING 101"**

The session will be a demonstration and explanation of what is involved in the electroplating process, especially restoration plating. If time permits, a brief session on "The Secrets of Silver Soldering" will also be conducted.

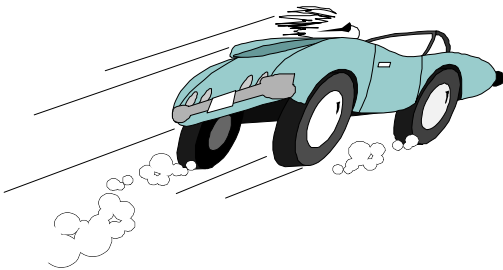
Due to space limitations, it is necessary to know in advance how many people will be attending.

If you wish to attend this session, please contact Mark Evenchick at 521-3097 or mheven@sympatico.ca

The session location address and driving / parking instructions will be given to those folks who pre-register.

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## **Cheepo Cheepo 03 "SLC" - A Shore Line Cruise**



When: June 7-8, 2003

Where: Arnprior Quality Inn

How Much: \$188.86 per couple / \$153.00 single  
[including dinner, accommodations and breakfast buffet]  
(All taxes and gratuity are included in the above cost)

Spring, at least on the calendar, is only days away. But already our club activities and summer drives are in the final planning stages. If you have not registered for Cheepo Cheepo and still wish to do so, contact Bob Stark at 258-4636 (if this is long distance from your area, try 567-3000 wait for a dial tone then dial 258-4636) or via Email at "robber@sympatico.ca" and I will contact you for the required information.

We have a reservation block for twenty couples and are now fifty percent booked. All additional reservations beyond our original twenty will be on a space available request. All bookings must be received no later than April 30th.

The starting point this year will be at the Tim Horton's Restaurant in the Kemptville Mall. This location is in Kemptville on County Road 43, approximately 3 kilometers west of Highway 416. Contact Bob for instructions.

The planned departure time is 9:30am with a picnic stop on the shores of Calabogie Lake and arrival in Arnprior at approximately 4:00pm.

Looking forward to a Spring Drive and an enjoyable weekend.

**The Boot'n'Bonnet All British Car Club**

**AUTOJUMBLE**

**Sunday April 6, 2003**

**10 am till 4 pm**

**Portsmouth Olympic Harbour – Kingston, Ontario**

**Lots Of Free Parking - All Facilities Are Indoors**

**Admission \$2 per person – under 12 years No Charge  
Drive Your British Car And Get In Free**

**Refreshments available**

**Booth Info Contact: Richard Woodley (613) 967-0267 rlw@magma.ca**

**General Information Contact:**

**Wes Meyer (613) 386-3797 olden@kos.net**

**or**

**Owen Evans (613) 354-1876 owenevans@ihorizons.net**

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**Tools & Equipment – The OMGC Loaner List**

Did you ever need a special tool or piece of equipment to do some work on your MG or other vehicle? A heavy-duty engine hoist. An extra jack. More jack stands. A carb-adjusting tool. A bent wrench. Whatever. Several times in the past I have needed some sort of “what-cha-ma-call-it” or one of those “thing-ma-bobs”. And I know I am not alone here. This topic was really a "hot" one for many club members all through last year and it had been suggested to create and maintain a “Tools & Equipment List” for club members to take advantage of when the need arose. Well, as I recall, many of the folks asked me and others about doing something like this, but now when it comes to actually providing the data, it appears there isn't as many folks willing to provide the information because our request for such information was not well responded to. There were a few, but not as many as was expected. Perhaps it was because the end of the driving season was just around the corner last year when we sent requests for such info. Still, I think we should pursue this for a bit yet and see if we can get folks to give their lists of things they have and are willing to share. Contact Dave Moore, our Mr. T, and provide him with a list of the tools and equipment you have and are willing to lend to OMGC members in need.

Dave can be reached at moorehd@magma.ca or 836-1381.

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# OTTAWA MG CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

→ = MG Club Highlight Feature Event

T = Technical Sessions

	Month	Date	Day	Event	Time	Information Contact
T	Mar	19	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive Rear Brakes / Fluid / Master Cylinder / Lines & Switches	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		19-23	Wed-Sun	Ottawa Intn'l Auto Show Congress Center		Peter Ginsberg 236-7160
		20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant Picture and Video Night	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821 Len Fortin 821-3140
		22	Sat	Plating Seminar (details to follow soon)	10am	Mark Evenchick 521-3097
	Apr	6	Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet All British Car Club Auto-Jumble in Kingston	10am	Mike Daniels 592-5408 Dalton Begin 258-3506
T		16	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive Basic Tune-ups / Points / Rotor / Cap / Wires / Plugs / Timing	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Cock & Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		20	Sun	Ancaster British Car Show and Flea Market	9am	Jim Hilton 905-945-2033
		23-27	Wed-Sun	Spring Carlisle, PA Car Show & Market		www.carsatcarlisle.com
		25-27	Fri-Sun	Speed-O-Rama (formerly Autorama)		Gary Wallace 1-877-250-4556
→		26	Sat	OMGC Spring Tune Up @t British Automotive with Part Swap and Tech Talk	9am	Dave Moore 836-1381
		26	Sat	Festival of The Maples Car Show, Gore St. Perth	9am	Dave Muir 264-0750
		27	Sun	Ancaster Auto Flea Market	9am	905-575-7800
	May	2 – 4	Fri-Sun	Hawkesbury Classic & Import Motorshow		
		3 – 4	Sat-Sun	Stirling Flea Market – Stirling, Ontario		
T		14	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive Cooling System / Rad / Heater / Leaks / Coolant / Pumps / Belts	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		15	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		17	Sat	Smiths Fall Car Show at Lombardy Fair Grounds	9am	Jack Paul 692-3293
		16-18	Fri-Sun	Carlisle, PA Import Show		www.carsatcarlisle.com
		?	?	Driving Slalom Activities I (not yet confirmed) (yet to confirm with OttawaMotorsportClub)		Paul Williams 233-6982 Mike Daniels 592-5408
		24-31	Sat-Sat	Seventh Annual British Car Week <a href="http://users.arczip.com/zntech/britishcarweek.html">http://users.arczip.com/zntech/britishcarweek.html</a>		BritCarWeek@arczip.com
		24	Sat	Corvette Cruise-In at Grillman's		Wendy Hall 837-2058
→		25	Sun	OMGC Run To North Lancaster	9am	Dalton Begin 258-3506
		25	Sun	Oxford Mills Vehicle Show		Chris Bryant 989-3046
		31	Sat	Duck Race CHEO - Hartwell Locks Queen Elizabeth Pkwy	10am	John Eagen 298-2324
	Jun	1	Sun	Byward Market Auto Classic Car Show	9am	Lara Dubois 562-3325
		1	Sun	Thousand Island Cruise-In @ Gananoque		Nick Bowles 382-8413
→		7 – 8	Sat – Sun	Cheepo-CheepOh 3 "SLC"	10am	Bob Stark 258-4636
		8	Sun	Kars and Planes Show	9am	Peter Whitworth 692-5381
		10	Tue	British Cruise Night @ Kemptville CTC	7pm	Dalton Begin 258-3506
		14	Sun	Odessa Annual Flea Market and Car Show		Wes Meyer 613-386-3797
		14	Sun	Zed Car Show @ Royal Military College Kingston		Gordon Garrard 826-0547
		15	Sun	Billings Estate Fathers Day Show – AACO	10am	Andre Audette 782-7277
T		18	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive Suspension / Shocks / Springs / Kingpins	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		19	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Cock & Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		?	?	Driving Slalom Activities II (not yet confirmed) (yet to confirm with OttawaMotorsportClub)		Paul Williams 233-6982 Mike Daniels 592-5408
		19–22	Thr – Sun	NAMGBR in St. Louis, MO USA		Len Fortin 821-3140
		22	Sun	Sporting Classics Richmond Car Show	9am	Andre Rousseau 590-7365
		22	Sun	Car Show @ W.O Stinson - Hwy 31 & Leitrim Rd	9am	John Armstrong 822-7400
		27-29	Fri – Sun	VARAC Vintage Festive at Mosport		Ron Wanless 359-1013
→		28	Sat	Gumball Rally with Bill and Joy Curnoe	9am	Joy Curnoe 258-5493
	Jul	1	Tue	Canada Day Car Show in Arnprior	10am	Karl Leclerc 841-2353
		6	Sun	Evolution of Wheels @ Science & Tech Museum	9am	Tim Dunn 729-9783
		6	Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet Rally Day In Kingston	9am	Peter Young 549-4968
→		13	Sun	OMGC Route 66 Run with Dave and Helen Moore	9am	Dave Moore 836-1381
		16-20	Wed – Sun	NAMGAR in Oregon USA		Len Fortin 821-3140

T		16	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive Tires & Wheels / Selection / Pressure vs Performance / Checking Wires & Splines / Tightening Knockoffs	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
→		19	Sat	2003 Edition of Canadian Tire Car Day Rolling Tech Session with Eric "Twist"	9am	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		25-27	Fri-Sun	Summer Carlisle, PA Car Show & Market		www.carsatcarlisle.com
	Aug	3	Sun	Brockville Car Show, Blockhouse Island	10am	Paul Gardiner 926-27443
		8-10	Fri-Sun	Roadster Factory Summer Party in Armagh, PA		TRFmail@aol.com
		9	Sat	Antique Boat Show at Manotick Marina	9am	Don Loken 692-0730
		10	Sun	Volksfest at Embrun	9am	Bob Lyon 443-1853
		10	Sun	Aylmer Auto Show at The Aylmer Marina		J.P. Sylvestre 684-9406
		13	Wed	OMGC British Cars @ Orleans Cruise Night	6pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		16	Sat	Corn Roast with Dave and Michele (rain date Sunday August 17th)	1pm	Dave Stringer Michele Carmichael 679-1825
		17	Sun	Cornwall Car Club @ Upper Canada Village	9am	Mike Lemieux 931-2087
T		20	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive What To Look For When Buying / Rust / Repairs / Critical Parts	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		21	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Cock & Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		24	Sun	B'n'B All British Car Day @ Kingston	10am	Mary Attwell 836-3133
→		24	Sun	OMGC Monte Carleton Run to Kingston	9am	Mary Attwell 836-3133
		30	Sat	Car Show @ Perth Fair	9am	Dave Muir 264-0750
	Sep	1	Mon	Richmond Motor Classic at Richmond Plaza	10am	John Eagen 298-2324
		6-7	Sat – Sun	Watkins Glen Racing		Mike Daniels 592-5408
		7	Sun	Good Time Cruisers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show Lamoureux Park, Cornwall, Ontario		www.goodtimecruisers.ca
T		17	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive More Tune Up / Valve Adjustments / Compression Test / Reading Plugs	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		18	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
→		19-21	Fri – Sun	British Invasion @ Stowe, VT		Jordan Jones 839-1821
		21	Sun	Bronte Creek British Car Show (MGCCT says this is on the 14 <sup>th</sup> – yet to confirm)		Paul Williams 233-6982 Mike Daniels 592-5408
		?	?	Vintage Car 200k Charity Rally (not confirmed)	?	C. Hamm OttawaMotorsportClub
→	Oct	5	Sun	OMGC Fall Colour Run	9am	Jordan Jones 839-1821
		3 – 5	Fri – Sun	Fall Carlisle, PA Car Show & Market		www.carsatcarlisle.com
T		15	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive Winter Storage Tips / Fall "Tune Down" / Prep and Placement	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		16	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Cock & Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
T	Nov	19	Wed	Tech Session @ British Automotive Interior Upgrades / Door Panels / Carpets / Seats	6pm	Frank Rizzuti 225-4240
		20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant Annual General Meeting	7pm	Jordan Jones 839-1821
	Dec	6	Sat	OMGC Christmas Party	6pm	Mary Attwell 836-3133

### **Special Notes and Information:**

- Kemptville Cruise Night: Tuesday evenings (start May 13<sup>th</sup>) @ Canadian Tire in Kemptville
- Orleans Cruise Night: Wednesday evenings (start May 14<sup>th</sup>) @ Place d'Orleans \* Graham Maciness 830-5207
- Manotick Cruise Night: Monday evenings (start May 5<sup>th</sup>) @ Manotick \* Hil Goldberg 692-5381
- Kanata Hazeldean Cruises: Tuesday evenings (start May 6<sup>th</sup>) @ Hazeldean Mall \* Roger Thomas 836-3647
- Old Cornwall Cruise Night: Wednesday evenings (start May 7<sup>th</sup>) @ A&W Massey Dr. \* Mike Seguin 931-2087
- Gananoque Cruise Night: Wednesday evenings (start May 14<sup>th</sup>) @ CTC King Street \* Nick Bowles 382-8413
- Aylmer Cruise Night: 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays (start May 16<sup>th</sup>) @ Aylmer Galleries \* J.P. Sylvestre 819-684-9406
- British Breakfast: Sunday mornings (start May 18<sup>th</sup>) @ Broadway Grill [Hwy 16] \* Hil Goldberg 692-5381
- Kanata Centrum Cruises: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays (start May 22<sup>nd</sup>) @ Centrum Centre \* Richard Rutkowski 591-6955
- Perth Cruise Night: Monday evenings (start May 26<sup>th</sup>) @ Home Hardware [Hwy 7] \* Dave Muir 264-0750
- Crusin' To Chrysler: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays (start May 8<sup>th</sup>) @ Chrysler, Ontario \* Doug Stroud 987-2299
- CTC Cruise Night: Sunday evenings (start April 6<sup>th</sup>) @ CTC Bank & Heron Road \*
- Hawksbury Cruise Night: Tuesday evenings (start May 20<sup>th</sup>) @ Main Street East \* Gary Wilson 632-9883

## **The Formal Initiation Ceremony For International Members and International Almost Members** **(Gray Rocks - 2003)**

This is a written apology to all. You entrust me to maintain the regalia inventory and to have adequate sizes and supplies of essential items. In my defense I'd like to explain how the unusual circumstances caught me off guard. I ran out of toques and some felt I did not have quite the right size of coveralls for one of the participants.

As I'm sure you are aware, membership in the Ottawa MG Club is not easily granted, and with the heightened security these days, we as executives, are doubly vigilant to maintain the high standards of the club as envisioned by our founders. Part of this vigilance appears as an initiation ceremony for international applicants.

Last year, at the Gray Rocks ski getaway, Steve and Annie Wincze from Connecticut joined our esteemed club, becoming the 100th member/couple. At the time we didn't have the required articles to perform an initiation then and there, but they were sponsored by the Evenchicks (although remember, Mark was under the effect of anesthesia). The deal was they would undergo this rite at the next opportunity. Gray Rocks 2003 became the opportunity. We had enough attending members to ensure it was suitably tough, but fair.

Steve W (an engineer) and Annie brought another couple with them for the ski weekend, and being ever thoughtful, chose another Steve (another engineer) and his wife Pam McNary (yet another engineer), to keep it simple for us. After dinner on Saturday night, Karl Koch started the procedure, breaking the two couples into "primary drivers" and "navigators". As it turned out, Annie and Pam chose to be the navigators, and the two Steves became the "drivers". We felt it only right, since there was a technical knowledge portion to the test, the navigators be given exact pieces of MGs, while the two Steves.. er drivers, were given slightly more abstract items to identify as MG car parts. Proper attire being an important part of this ceremony (as in most), we supplied coveralls for them to wear. While I was able to outfit three of the four to their satisfaction, Steve W did carry on for a while, as his size 42R suit did not fit him well. But my years of supplying regalia allowed me to judge him correctly. That's not to say it wasn't without a little effort on his part to get into, being 6 foot 7 inches tall and 230 lbs. He's got to be used to a little trouble getting into things (you should see him get into his TD!). The next part required suitable headgear, and this being winter, toques were supplied. Unfortunately we only had three (after all, how much regalia is a guy expected to haul around?) So we had to find a suitable alternative. Because Steve W was already displeased with his attire (oftentimes complaining bitterly, in an unusually high voice for a chap his size) we chose to give him the alternate item - a pair of boxer shorts. Again he complained, but they were, after all, not too tight (unlike his continuing squeak about the coveralls), and they did have our club crest on them - oh, and they were clean. So he relented and donned them on his head. Finally the whole crew was properly attired and ready to begin.

Mark Evenchick, the official timer, gave each team (drivers vs navigators) 5 minutes to identify the contents of eight baggies in front of them. With much whispering, and some whimpering from the still unhappy Steve W, they recorded their answers. The navigators did quite well identifying: 'a tie rod end', 'a wiper', 'a piston', 'a piston ring', 'a Lucas flasher unit', 'feeler gauges', 'sockets', and 'a pair of studs with nuts'. The guys had a somewhat tougher time identifying: 'a tie on a rod' (tie rod), 'toilet paper' (wiper), 'a souvenir of "Manican Pis"- the peeing boy statue' (pissed on), 'a washer to fit on the statue' (pissed on ring), 'a Barbie doll with a short skirt' (flasher unit), 'a latex glove with graduations on one finger' (feel'er guage), 'one small and one large socket' (to show that size does matter - although I believe Steve W's body was by now, intimately aware of that point), and 'a picture of the two Steves' (you guessed it... two studs with nuts) although to their credit, the guys didn't figure that one out! Steve W's discomfort (and squirming) continued as Karl next tested their general knowledge of MG's - such as "what does MG stand for". Some came up with fanciful ideas such as "Morris Garages", when in fact it has historically been known to stand for "might go" with the "T" designation meaning "tomorrow" etc. After more revelry, we added up the scores and found the navigators to be slightly ahead of the drivers, but both well above our minimum standard. They were ceremoniously accepted into the club, giving Pam a dash plaque for their MGB, and Steve W a "Weekend Pack" from the Papineauville Pharmacy (another story) Although I believe for Steve W, the greatest part about passing the ceremony was he was able to restore the circulation to some of his body parts after extricating his tall frame from the (what might have been too small) coveralls.

Before writing this, I wanted to be sure about Steve W's height, and I also wanted to find out if parts of his anatomy had restored themselves to their proper position, so I sent him an email, to which he replied:

"Just a short note to thank all of you for such an enjoyable trip up to the North Country. We had a great time with some really fantastic, friendly people!! I'm 6'-7", and about 230lbs. You will have to do the conversion up there to your units. Speaking of units, everything seems to be back to near normal, (whatever that is), but I get this strange containment type of feeling and start shaking every time I see some one wearing coveralls!!! My voice gets higher in pitch until it starts to squeak. And I always thought it was a tight fit getting into the TD with the hood (top) up!!!! This experience has given me a new meaning for the word TIGHT !!!!!!!!!!!  
Your international OMGC members, Steve and Annie"

Seems all's well, so the only thing left to do is to thank Jordan for organizing the ski trip (complete with perfect weather) A terrific getaway weekend for all of us, and a huge thanks go out to our wonderfully fun hearted friends from Connecticut. It sure wouldn't have been the same without them and their great senses of humour!! Welcome to the club!

The 3 Stooges (Moe T., Kurly, and Larry)

OTTAWA M.G. CLUB

Financial Statement

Jan 1/2002 - Dec 31/2002

		Year 2002	Year 2001	Year 2000	Year 1999	Year 1998	Year 1997
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
2002 Dues (111 Members)	\$	2,831.19	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,835.51	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 1,555.00	\$ 1,665.00
Regalia	\$	1,116.25	\$ 1,123.00				
Gift from Member			\$ 115.00				
Total Receipts	\$	3,947.44	\$ 3,074.00				
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>							
Newsletter and Postage	\$	359.21	\$ 615.13				
Social Events (food etc.)	\$	599.33	\$ 754.07				
Regalia	\$	939.45	\$ 1,023.15				
Insurance	\$	235.00	\$ 215.00				
Miscellaneous	\$	227.83	\$ 57.86				
Web Site	\$	531.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40th Anniversary Party	\$	653.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Charges	\$	45.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dash Plaques	\$	267.42					
Membership Kits	\$	296.94					
Total Disbursements	\$	4,155.70	\$ 2,665.21				
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>							
Sponsors for OMGC Web Site	\$	300.00					
Total Receivables	\$	300.00					
<b>SURPLUS, (excludes receivables)</b>							
	\$	(208.26)	\$ 408.79	\$ (407.74)	\$ 178.75	\$ (633.37)	\$ (89.99)
BAL. FWD. LAST YEAR	\$	1,357.97	\$ 933.57				
BANK BALANCE	\$	1,149.71	\$ 1,357.97	\$ 933.57	\$ 1,341.31	\$ 1,162.36	\$ 1,796.23
REGALIA INVENTORY at 31 Dec.	\$	1,082.00	\$ 1,103.30	\$ 1,303.68	\$ 771.00	\$ 900.20	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,231.71	\$ 2,461.27	\$ 2,237.25	\$ 2,112.31	\$ 2,062.56	

Mike Daniels Treasurer

Dated: 31 January 2003

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