



OTTAWA MG CLUB

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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 Thursday @ Louis' Steakhouse, Cyrville Rd.

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IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MAY & JUNE MEETINGS

May 18:

Jay Robertson will present the Waterless Car Wash product line. You probably have heard of these products from one place or another - and at this meeting you will be able to talk to someone who knows all about them. Bring your car and try some!

June 15:

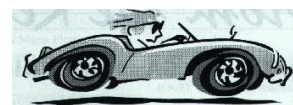
Keep your fingers crossed for a warm and pleasant summer evening. The June meeting will feature a tire kicker for all MG models. A - B - C - BGT - Midget - T's & others / all colours shapes and sizes / original or modified or whatever!

British Cars Around The World - A 2001 Calendar. To enter your car for consideration for the calendar, or information, contact: Brian Philby (407) 699-8339 or e-mail ringo66@earthlink.net

A TV News Event - Did you see club member Kathy MacDonald on Regional Contact, CJOH, Saturday May 6th??? Her skills in the world of art at the National Gallery and at home we featured. Her husband Paul caught some TV notoriety also but no pictures of his 1979 MGB LE restoration made it to the show. Keep working Paul! When you're done, I'll call the press!

Welcome to new members:

Bob & Barbara Erlandson, Ottawa, '66 Midget Dave & Andrea Hawkins, Ottawa, '77 B
Paul & Kathy MacDonald, Nepean, '80 B LE



THE GUMBALL RALLY

(A Spring Fun Rally For The Ottawa MG Club)

Your Hosts For The Day - Bill and Joy Curnoe

16 Mary Street, Kemptville, Ontario, K0G 1J0

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Phone (613) 258-5493

Dear Club Members:

If you haven't any plans for Saturday, June 10th and would like to have some fun in the sun, then come on out to the country and join us in Kemptville.

Joy and I are hosting our first Spring fun rally for the Ottawa MG Club.

The day will begin at 8:30am with coffee, tea, juice and muffins at our house. You will be given maps and appropriate directions at that time. The fun rally itself will not be more than two or three hours including a coffee break somewhere along the way. Following the rally, there will be a barbecue lunch back at our house. All you have to bring is your favourite beverage, an appetite and chairs. Joy and I would greatly appreciate it if you could e-mail us or call us at the above address or phone number if you are planning to attend. This would help us greatly in planning the food.

[We are also planning a SURPRISE Baby Shower for Heather and Jordan. Apart from buying this baby his or her first MG, perhaps you could bring along a small gift. REMEMBER - this is a SURPRISE!!!]

We are hoping as many club members as possible can come out and have a lot of fun and have a taste of country hospitality - Kemptville style. Here's hoping for great weather and a great turnout . . . Always Two for the Road . . .

Bill and Joy Ottawa MG Club

Directions to the Kemptville Curnoe home: South on hwy 416 from Ottawa toward Kemptville. Take County Road 43 exit (formerly hwy. 43). Turn Right (west) on County Road 43. Turn left at Canadian Tire onto County Road 19. Turn right on Van Buren Street. Turn right on Joseph Street (3rd from Van Buren St) Turn left on Mary Street. Look for the red brick two storey on the south side - #16. There will be a sign out front!

The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club Hosts Another Fine Darts Match

If you're not into the darts scene, then you may not know what a "straight in" or a "double out" means. And if your not close to the sport you may not realize that a "one - double one" is a crappy situation to be in. But as long as you are willing to not worry too much about the outcome of it all and have a bit of fun, then the OVTC Annual Darts Match at le Scratch was the place to be on Sunday April 2nd. And for three MG teams, that was the place!

It was a bit odd however. You see Martin & Andrea Harasek were playing for the Triumph Club (I guess Martin wanted it that way as his TR6 is ready for the season and Andrea's Midget was not) so they were not counted among our esteemed MG partnerships. Although I was assigned a legitimate MG club team name (MG3), I was teamed up with Juliano Benco (of TR3 fame in the OVTC) and he was suffering from an over indulgence of scotch on Saturday night (and besides he can't throw a dart if his life depended upon it!). Only Dave Gregory & Rick Beaudry (MG2) and Emmett and Connie Hicks (MG1) were real MG teams through and through.

You may remember most previous reports on these dart tournies where the MGers didn't win anything at all. Well we've come a long way since those days and in the end at this year's event Dave and Rick pulled off a close second place. The Triumph teams took top honours again with some TR people recently moved from North Bay. (I think they were parachuted with "ringer" intentions - but that has yet to be confirmed!)

It was a fun afternoon with lots of prizes. One in particular demanded some special attention - a dart board with the MG logo and the "Safety Fast" caption stamped on it. You can get them from Moss Motors and in fact this one was donated by Moss Motors for this event. It was one of many door prizes. John Day, the OVTC event organizer clearly stated that the dart board prize would be a nice one for any MGer - and if a Triumph person won it then they would have the pleasure of 'sticking it' to the MG people every time a dart was tossed. You're too kind, John!

And as it always does, the afternoon ticked away with all the darts being thrown and all the drinks and snacks being consumed. And it ended with an MG second place and a promise to get back at it next year. Come on folks - sharpen up those skills - be they the 'dart shooting' kind of skills or the 'having a good time' kind of skills.

Another Successful Spring Tune-Up @ Miniman

Folks, I have to tell you that I had a really grand time at this years version of the Miniman Tune-Up. A goodly bunch of MGers showed up with their cars. The weather really did co-operate (no snow!). Helene Moore did a fabulous job of planning and preparing the BBQ lunch. And when it was all said and done, I had completed tune-up tasks on three 'family' MGs.

The A needed a battery. That was a pretty easy job and the Miniman folks had one in stock. It fit right in the battery box but the old battery hold-down bracket needed to be replaced to avoid any possibility of shorting on the battery terminals. Club member Paul Pronovost suggested a simple replacement with a cross-top strap and helped "manufacture" one right on the spot. Worked like a charm! The B just needed some small cosmetic surgery. Nothing with a hammer or anything like that, just a few adjustments to get the idle and mixture on target and the choke cable adjusted to length. The challenge of the morning, for me, was Andrea's Midget. I do love working on that car. It has been coughing and sputtering on acceleration since getting it out for the driving season - and as a matter of fact it was doing the same stuff late last fall. I fiddled with everything I could fiddle with. I used every electronic gizmo in my kit but was unable to get it to settle. Finally, Debi suggested to Rob (Miniman) that I needed help and he came over to take a peek. After I told him my story he popped off the distributor cap and without using any tools or gizmos said, "The gap is too small - looks like about 8 or 9 thousands too small. Fix that and you should be OK!" Well, he was right as rain! The points measurement was about 5 or 6 thousands and it should be 14. With a screwdriver and feeler gauge I made the adjustments and the Midget began to sing! The morning zipped by with tools all over the place. Mark Evenchick (famous for his oil changes at these Tune-Ups) helped a half dozen folks with timing and other ignition problems. The BBQ lunch was wonderful. Thanks to all for coming out and helping. Thanks to the lads at Miniman for the time and effort.

For Sale: 1952 MG TD Replica. Vehicle comes with convertible top and rear window, rear mounted spare tire, a Grant steering wheel, walnut dash and Stewart Warner gauges. The body is a fibreglass replica of a 1952 MG on a Volkswagen chassis. Body, underbody, chrome, electrical wiring, engine (1600 cc, 4-cylinder, air cooled), transmission (4-speed), brakes, tires (195-75-R15), full wire rims, steering, and interior in excellent condition. Appraised value is \$9000 CDN. Contact: Margaret Allen (613) 267-1439

Wanted: a trunk rack for an MGB. If you have a used trunk rack that is in good condition for an MGB or if you know where one can be acquired, please call David at 836-1381.

OTTAWA MG CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2000

-----> MG Club Highlight and Feature Events <-----

	date		event	time	contact/info
	May	13	Sat	Duck Race for CHEO @ Hartwell Locks (meet at the north Carleton University parking lot)	10:30 - 2:00 WayneElwood 741-7407
---->		13-14	Sat-Sun	Cheepo-Cheepo Y2K in Gananoque (10 th Anniversary)	Gilles
		18	Thr	OMGC Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Jay Robertson presents 'waterless' car wash 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
		28	Sun	Barrhaven 3 rd Annual Show & Shine @ Larkin Park	10:00 am Rob 591-3826
---->	June	4	Sun	Byward Market Classic Car Show	9:00 am Shannon
---->		10	Sat	The Gumball Rally - an MG Spring Run hosted Bill & Joy Curnoe	8:30 am Joy / Bill
		11	Sun	Odessa Car Show & Flea Market at the Fair Grounds	10:00 am Len
		11	Sun	Kars & Planes Show	10:00 - 4:00 Ted 226-5308
		13	Tue	British Cruise Night, Snack Shack, Kemptville	7:00 pm Dalton
		15 - 18	Thr - Sun	MG 2000 NAMGBR in Cleveland, Ohio	Len
		15	Thr	OMGC Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7:30 pm Mark
----->		18	Sun	Another Event With The Virago Club	10:00 am Karl
----->		25	Sun	Sporting Classics Richmond Car Show (\$3)	10:00-3:00 OVTC
	July	1	Sat	Greely Canada Day Celebrations & Car Show	10:30 am Len
		1	Sat	Arnprior Canada Day Celebrations & Car Show	all day
		2	Sun	The Evolution of Wheels Car Show @ Science & Tech Museum	all day Don (433-9442)
		7 - 9	Fri - Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet Prince Edward County Tour	weekend run 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	OMGC Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7:30 pm Jordan
---->		29	Sat	White Lake Splash	10:00 am Janet / John
	August	6	Sun	VW Volksfest in Embrun	10:00 am Micheline
---->		13	Sun	OMGC Boat Cruise / 10 th Anniversary (How about the Cumberland Ferry with Asti Spumanti champagne)	unconfirmed ?
		17	The	OMGC Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Pit Stop Rally II)	7:30 pm Debi
		19 - 20	Sat - Sun	Niagara Wine Country Tour / 10 th Anniversary	unconfirmed ?
		27	Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet All British Car Day in Kingston	10:30 am Wes
---->		27	Sun	Monte Carleton Rally (Likely to connect these two events)	9:00 am Doug / Len
	September	9 - 10	Sat - Sun	Watkins Glen Racing	unconfirmed ?
---->		17	Sun	Bronte Creek British Car Day (Saturday travel?)	0?:00 am Len / Mike
		15 - 17	Fri - Sun	British Invasion @ Stowe, Vermont	Len
		21	Thr	OMGC Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7:30 pm Debi
---->	October	1	Sun	Fall Colour Run (Technical & Craft)	10:30 am Jordan / Debi
		19	Thr	OMGC Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Indoor Rally II)	7:30 pm Debi
	November	16	Thr	OMGC Meeting @ Louis Restaurant (Annual General Meeting)	7:30 pm Debi
---->	December	9	Sat	Ottawa MG Club Christmas Party	7:00 pm Debi

NOTE: The British Breakfast is a fun gathering of British car owners to chat about cars and products and events - and have a great breakfast! It is held on the first Sunday of each month (8:30am) at Capital City Diner (Hunt Club @ Merivale) For info: call Hill @ (613) 724-3725