



Ottawa MG Club

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MG Folks:

Membership month was April. If you've already done so, you should have your new card. Thanks! If you don't have your new card – you have not renewed! Renewals \$25. Get with it, eh!

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(show your MG - cheer your duckie!)
- 6) Spring Run To North Lancaster
(Look out Dave & Lise – here we come!)
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(Just to keep you up to date)
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(Driving, BBQing, fun, friends)
- 9) Ancaster's British Car Day
(Another success for British cars)
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(you know what to do with it!)

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MAY & JUNE MEETINGS

May 16th at Louis' Restaurant 7 pm:

The weather has been looking better and better over the last week or so and I am confident there will be no more winter surprises from Mother Nature. So bring your MG to this Tire Kicker meeting and show off a bit. Please prepare your lies and stories in advance to be sure you sound credible when you speak. Accuracy is not important here! If you have not yet paid up your membership – please see Mike, the Treasurer, at this meeting to settle up.

June 20th at The Cock & Bull Eatery 7 pm:

By this time, it will be almost the middle of summer and driving season will be well underway. At this Tire Kicker meeting – lets line up the vehicles according to colour. Red with Red. BRGreen with BRGreen. Blue with Blue. However, that does seem a bit unfair as Mary's Tundra MG may have to all by itself. Well, we'll arrange something! If you have not yet paid up your membership – please see Mike, the Treasurer, at this meeting to be dealt with!

Welcome to new members:

Frank Rizzuti	Nepean	'69 B
Troy & Robyn Guindon	St. Andrews	'61 A
David & Pascale Cote	Gatineau	'80 B
Jamie & Sheena Burnett	Ottawa	'59 A
Bruce & Heather Doran-Veevers	Carleton Place	'48 TC
Jim & Monique Bloomfield	Kemptville	'74 B
Don Ferguson	Nepean	'59 A

A Fine Dinner Meeting At The RCAF Officer's Mess

There was a wonderful turn out at this dinner meeting. Almost too good to be true considering the way the weather treated us. There was a blizzard in the air by the middle of the afternoon on March 21st and I was worried that many MGers would forfeit the evening in favour of staying home and not taking a chance on the drive to the downtown location for this special dinner meeting. I was wrong! MG folks from all over the area came to make this evening a great one. Folks from the east side of town and the west side of town drove for almost two hours to get to the location. Some came with horror stories of silly drivers who didn't appear to be very skilled in the art of winter driving. Others got there and were just thankful to be alive and well. However, it was all worth it – in a big way. The food was just wonderful and the pre-dinner cocktails and chit-chat was great. I am still amazed at how many MGers I didn't recognise because they were dressed in a suit and tie or other fancy duds. But after a double take or two I found a fresh reminder of a connection of a name to a face. I wish it were that easy at our other functions. Hey! Perhaps we could dress up for all functions... even the Spring Tune-Up – yah! Right! Like that would ever happen!

The picture show was another good one. Memories of special vehicles and events from throughout the year. A superb video of the special Ski Trip surgery action at Gray Rocks in February [narrated by Doctor Doug Patella's excellent assistant (Karl Koch)]. Thanks very much to Martin Harasek for the loan of the nifty device that displays the pictures up on the screen. This optical device is much more compact and lighter than the old clunker we used in past.

Tom Smith and I almost had our cars stranded in the underground parking garage across the street, but with some solid searching for a back entrance by Tom – and some brisk jogging down the in ramp by me – we were able to salvage the vehicles and got out without paying. And after a great dinner and some wonderful pics and videos, Debi & I adjourned to the bar for a nightcap with Ivan and Katie Wood and chatted about all the good things this club is all about. We had a lot to say!

Another Successful Turn Out At Ancaster's Annual British Car Day

It was certainly not a day for top-down cruising, but the annual British Car Show and Flea Market at Ancaster's Merritt Hall, proved once again to be a feast for the eyes, the ears, and the wallet! Despite an unseasonably cool April 21st, several hundred British car enthusiasts still showed up to display their machines. Many cars had their tops down but owners close by, lest their cars be baptized by the rain that was threatening us all day. Luckily, we were not so blessed. For those of you who don't already know, Ancaster holds an annual British car day and parts flea market on the 21st of April. It is well worth the drive if you are looking for some scarce parts or a complete restoration project. There were vehicles of many vintages to be found, but the two most abundant marques were the MGB and the Jaguar XKE. There were also some more obscure makes at the show, like a Rolls Royce Princess, a Jowett Jupiter, and a rare purple Lotus Eclat, which was a fastback version of the Lotus Elite. Of particular spectacle, was a white Mini which had been converted into a stretched limo, complete with wet bar and TV. While I am sure there were some Mini purists repulsed by the "butchering" of this classic, this low lying limo is sure to be a hit amongst any Keebler Elves in the midst of marriage plans. As the weather drove many of us inside the hall for warmth, this was certainly a benefit to the many vendors, both business owners and private enthusiasts, who came from across Ontario to pedal their goods. While I purchased a few minor items for my 64 B, I managed to exercise a great deal of restraint in my search for the ultimate bargain. Most of what you can find at this show consists of MG, Jaguar, Triumph, and to a lesser extent, Austin parts & supplies. Unfortunately, the cool weather had also driven many cars to take an early trip home, so I was left with far fewer snapshots than I had hoped, and some ideas of what my own car could become if I had more money than brains. As I walked past the outside vendors towards the gates, I passed a flatbed with a red, "barn fresh" TR 6 just waiting to be loved...hmmm.... maybe next year.

THE 3RD ANNUAL GUMBALL RALLY

Saturday, June 15th, 2002

Kemptville, Ontario

Circle your calendars for the 15th of June, as it is THE GUMBALL RALLY! We will hope for good weather again this year, but as we all know by now, poor weather has yet to defeat an MG'er from having a great time.

This year we will meet at TIM HORTON'S, in the Kemptville Mall, on Highway #43. We will depart from Tim's around 9:15 a.m. As usual the route will remain a mystery until moments before departing. We will have a pit stop along the way, BUT REMEMBER, we will be having lots to eat and drink back at our place, 16 Mary Street, Kemptville.

Once again there will be some work involved for the navigator, nothing too complex, and of course we will have some prizes too.

So circle your calendars, gas up your cars and head on out to Kemptville for some good old-fashioned country hospitality and lots of fun in the sun. The more the merrier.

We would appreciate an email at joycurnoe@yahoo.ca or a phone call at 258-5493 if you are planning to attend. As usual, we would appreciate it if you would bring your own chairs as well as a healthy appetite for fun and food. See you on the 15th.....

Bill and Joy Curnoe

BCCI British Car Council Inc

The British Car Council is devoted to providing help and information to its member clubs. It does so through volunteers that sit on the Board of Directors and "take care of business". Sometimes the "business" involves directing people to different events, locations and people for information. Sometimes the "business" is arranging insurance coverage for member clubs to be sure everyone is protected when clubs run events and such. Sometimes "business" is conducting the annual Long Distance Awards for mileage driven by members of the various clubs. It is an important group that the Ottawa MG Club is proud to be a member of. Annually, a fee is paid to the BCCI to permit us to be members and take advantage of the information resources, the insurance coverage and the Annual Long Distance Awards. We keep them up-to-date with our newsletter and communicate with them on a periodic basis. The annual Long Distance Awards are being prepared soon for the participants of the 2001 driving year. I'll let you know when they arrive and when they are ready to distribute. Congratulations to those Ottawa MG folks who participate in this worthy annual award process.

FOR SALE

1973 MGB-GT

I began a restoration project with it but I won't have time to finish. The floors, rocker panels and other usual rust areas have been changed or repaired with original parts. There is no engine and transmission in it and the interior has been removed. I am located in Sherbrooke, Quebec, about 1½ hour South-East of Montreal.

Rene Dupont Email me at: rdupont@groupecadec.com

1981 TR7

Green with black interior. No rust, Never winter driven. Driven regularly in the summer. Good top and interior, 5 speed, can be seen at Wallace Service Center Hwy 31 (Bank Street - just north of Drummonds)

For more info call Denise Polson 821-2628.

Asking \$3500 – Reason for selling - too many projects (working on a TR8)

Parts:

Complete convertible top mechanical parts with a couple of spare bows

Two seat frames

Spare hood

Aftermarket clip on, suction, trunk rack

Distributor (early model)

Couple of rad hoses

Couple of quarter panels

Couple of spare dashes (poor condition - but some instrumentation)

Assortment of side markers

Assortment of gaskets

Bag or two of small items, dash related, early B

British side jack

Everything above: \$150

Front stabilizer bar assembly, sell separately

Interested? Call and then bring a truck, or a big trunk

Randy Ward

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"DUCK RACE" CAR DISPLAY

SATURDAY - MAY 11, 2002

COLONEL BY DRIVEWAY

(TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF EASTERN ONTARIO (CHEO))

DISPLAY WILL BE ON THE ROADWAY FACING HARTWELL LOCKS 11:00 (am) TO 2:00 (pm)

**CHEO WILL PROVIDE ON-SITE WASHROOMS,
COMMERCIAL FOOD VENDORS and ASSOCIATED RADIO ADVERTISING**

**GATHER AT PARKING LOT # 6, CARLETON UNIVERSITY AT 10:30 (am)
USE BRONSON AVE. ENTRANCE
MOVE TO COLONEL BY DISPLAY LOCATION AT 11:00 (am)**

CONTACT: Wayne Ellwood - 990-3087 (W) - 741-2879 (H)

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The Spring Tune-Up At British Automotive

Those folks that were able to be at this great event will agree, I'm sure – we sure lucked in on the weather! During the week before the Saturday April 27th event, the weather was questionable at best and there was always a threat that the day might be cold and snowy. Then the day after the event, the snow hit with a vengeance. However, the day of the Tune-Up was almost picture perfect. Perhaps a bit of a chill in the air, but as long as one kept “moving” and “tuning” and snuggled up to a cup of coffee, one would be fine. There were about 15 cars that came out. Many did have some work being done on them in one fashion or another and others just came out to look and “talk shop”. I was a bit late and I was responsible for the coffee cups – so I apologize to those that shivered for the first little bit of the morning. All the folks at British Automotive pitched in to make the day a worthy one; parts as needed, advise as requested; suggestions as they saw fit; and a warm business sense that continues to make me feel comfortable with this shop. The BBQ was a great one. Many thanks to Helene, Andrea and Mary for superb efforts. Thanks to all for a great Tune-Up!

CRUISE NIGHTS

April 7	Heron Road Canadian Tire 6:00p.m. (every Sunday) J. Cruise (613) 729-3907
April 10	A&W Cornwall Olde Car Club Vincent Massey Dr. Cornwall M. Lemieux (613) 931-0287
May 3	Good Time Cruisers Can.Tire 9th&Sydney 6:00pm Cornwall M. Ravary (613) 932-4592
May 6	Napanee Valley Cruisers Can.Tire Centre St.N 7:00pm PJ McCaffrey (613) 354-2727
May 7	Cruise Night KanataCentrum WalMart every other Thursday R. Thomas (613) 836-3647
May 7	Buster's Snack Shack Tuesdays OldHwy16atHwy43 Kemptville B. Morin (613) 258-7720
May 13	Manotick Cruise Night at Perks Manotick D. Doe (613) 692-7375
May 14	Hooters Restaurant 6:00pm Bells Corners Keith or Tom (613) 828-1790
May 14	Hawkesbury Cruise Night on Main Street 6:00pm Tuesdays G. Wilson (613) 632-9883
May 15	CruiseNight Voitures Anciennes de l'Outaouais CrocoDeli Gatineau C. Larose (819) 663-3241
May 15	Cruise Nite Rocco's Restaurant Stittsville L Way (613) 446-4717
May 15	Thousand Islands Cruise-In Canadian Tire Gananoque P. Young (613) 382-7002
May 15	Cruise Night Place d'Orleans (every Wed.) Orleans G. McInnes (613) 830-5207
May 16	Smith Falls Cruise Night Beaver Lumber Yard D. Bates (613) 283-5156
May 17	Limestone City Cruiser Can.Tire Princess/Gardiner Kingston W. Meyer (613) 387-3797
May 17	Aylmer Cruise Night 3rd Friday Galleries d'Aylmer J.P Sylvestre (819) 684-9406
May 18	Rocco's Restnt June 8 July 6 Aug 3 Sept. 14 Stittsville L. Way (613) 446-4717
May 27	Perth Cruise Night Home Hardware Hwy #7 D. Muir (613) 264-0750
June 12	Pembroke Cruise Night 6:00pm Waterfront Park D. Stresman (613) 735-6126

OTTAWA MG CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2002

→ MG Club Highlight and Feature Events ←

→	Month	Date	Day	Event	Time	Contact
	May	11	Sat	Duck Race for CHEO @ Hartwell Locks	10:30am	Len
→		11-12	Sat-Sun	Cheepo-Cheepo Marathon To Maniwaki The starting point is McDonalds Restaurant at 126 Robertson Road Nepean. This location is just west of Moodie Drive. The planned departure time is 9:30AM with an arrival in Maniwaki at approximately 3:30PM	9:30am	Bob
		16	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7pm	Jordan
		26	Sun	OMGC Run To North Lancaster	9am	OMGC
	Jun	2	Sun	Byward Market Auto Classic Car Show	9am	Shannon
		9	Sun	OMGC Croquet Match in Greely	2pm	Debi
		11	Tue	Brit Cruise Night @ Snack Shack in Kemptville	7pm	Dalton
→		15	Sat	Gumball Rally 2002	9am	Joy
		20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Cock&Bull Eatery (Tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7pm	Jordan
		23	Sun	Sporting Classics Richmond Car Show	9am	OVTC
		28-30	Fri-Sun	Boot'n'Bonnet Prince Edward County Tour		B'n'B
	Jul	1	Mon	Canada Day Car Show in Arnprior	10am	?
		2-5	Tue-Fri	NEMGTR GOF in Nova Scotia		Mark
		3-6	Wed-Sat	NAMGBR 2002 in Grapevine Texas		Len
		7	Sun	Evolution of Wheels @ Science & Tech Museum	9am	Shannon
→		14	Sun	OMGC Route 66 Run	1pm	David
		17-21	Wed-Sun	NAMGAR 2002 in Charlottesville VA		Len
		18	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7pm	Jordan
		27or28	Sat-Sun	White Lake Splash		J&J
		27&28	Sat-Sun	Grande Island, NY Sesquicentennial – Auto Event MGCC WNY www.isledegrande.com/2002/		Len
	Aug	4	Sun	VWfest in Embrun	10am	VW
		15	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Cock&Bull Eatery (Pit Stop Rally IV)	7pm	Jordan
		18	Sun	B'n'B All Brit Car Day @ Kingston	10am	B'n'B
→		18	Sun	OMGC Monte Carleton Run	9am	?
	Sep	7-8	Sat-Sun	Watkins Glen Racing		?
		19	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Tire kicker topic not yet confirmed)	7pm	Jordan
→		20-23	Fri-Sun	British Invasion @ Stowe, VT		?
→	Oct	6	Sun	OMGC Fall Colour Run	9am	Jordan
		17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Cock&Bull Eatery	7pm	Jordan
	Nov	21	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting @ Louis' Restaurant (Annual General Meeting)	7pm	Jordan
	Dec	7	Sat	OMGC Christmas Party	6pm	?