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Sure hope all you folks who were at the January meeting had a good time watching the pictures and listening to Jordan Houghten speak as he told his tale of reconstruction of the green "B" and the 'as yet undetermined colour' "B". It was a good size crowd for such a technical picture show and I think the Rochester Pub was a bit shy on space for us all, considering we had to cram all that technical computer equipment in as well. Now, after looking at the pictures and listening to the narrative, you know the rest of the story on these projects that Jordan has undertaken. Many thanks to you Jordan for walking us through your experiences and sharing the stories of woe.

As there were quite a few pictures to go through and a lot of detailed explanation done, we were unable to get to the video part of the evening that was planned. Mike Price brought a video for us to enjoy..... "Marques Of A Legend", but we were unable to fit it in. So the March meeting will be headlined with this video that Mike plans to bring again for us. And there will be a bunch of things to talk about as we get ready for the Summer 1997 schedule. Looking forward to seeing you there!

A Presidential Address & Other Stuff

Things seldom seem to work out as they were originally conceived. In this issue of the newsletter you will find notices for two new Ottawa MG Club events planned for 1997. The first of the two new events is "The CHEAPO-CHEAPO 100" (plus tax - pp dbl.occ) and was originally planned as a bare bones, no-frills trip. In the end, the deal that we were able to get at the Grey Rocks Inn, in Mont Tremblant, was just too good to pass up. The rooms are in the older part of the hotel but are the upgraded ones - pretty nice! And everything else about the resort is first rate! We are quite certain that everyone who comes along on this trip will feel that they got their \$100 (plus tax - pp dbl.occ) worth.

When the second new event, "The Spring Tune-Up", was originally being 'kicked' around as an idea, there was some question as to where and when we might hold it. Yours truly, in a moment of inspiration, seated in a hard chair at the Rochester Pub, suggested, "Why not in that parking lot across the street, early on a Sunday morning?". And that's how it got into our original schedule. Later, in a moment of common sense, seated in an easy chair at home, and after having our Technical Director, Jordon, speak to the people at Miniman, the confirmed event is now scheduled on a Saturday, in the Miniman parking lot, close to any spare parts that we might need.

Hope to see all of the regulars at one or both of these events, and I would be especially pleased to have some of our newer members, or those who don't attend many of our functions, join us!

In early April you will be receiving your membership renewal form for the 1997/1998 season. Please fill it out and either mail it along with a cheque to the address on the form or bring it to the April or May meeting. Your new membership card will be made up in advance so it will be a quick and relatively painless transaction. We hope to have this nasty, but necessary, bit of business completed by the end of May, so we can send a membership list to all members (and local businesses) in early June.

By coincidence, our March meeting this year takes place on the first day of Spring. This is generally accepted as a heavenly sign that winter will come to an abrupt halt and our favourite little cars will be on the road early in April. See you on the road!

Mark Evenchick

Local business places that offer discounts to club members:

Miniman 10% on instock parts	Redshaw Auto Care 10% on labour
Krown Rustproofing \$10 certificates	Nostalgia Road 10% on instock items
Bells Corners Automotive 10% on parts (Club Number 14900)	
Boyd's Vehicle Storage	Special prices on six month terms

Identify yourself as a Club member by showing these folks your membership card!

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ATTENTION CAR CLUBS

"DUCK RACE" CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1997

COLONEL BY DRIVEWAY

between

HARTWELL LOCKS AND BRONSON

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

*ALL MARQUE CAR CLUBS WANTING TO PARTICIPATE
IN A COMMUNITY-ORIENTED EVENT
CAN ASSIST IN A CAR SHOW
TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
of EASTERN ONTARIO (CHEO)*

*DISPLAY WILL BE ORGANIZED ON A PORTION OF THE
ROADWAY FACING THE HARTWELL LOCKS
FROM 10:30 am TO 2:00 pm*

*CHEO WILL BE PROVIDING ON-SITE WASHROOMS,
COMMERCIAL FOOD VENDORS, ASSOCIATED
RADIO ADVERTISING*

AMPLE SPECTATOR PARKING NEARBY AT CARLETON UNIVERSITY

CONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT EARLY!

CONTACT:

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CARS FOR SALE / CARS FOR AUCTION

1979 MG B MINT SHOW WINNER , LOADED

Bright Orange, Overdrive, Cruise, "LE" Spoiler & Mags, Weber Downdraft, Stereo Cassette, Bosch Lights, Mudflaps, Chrome Luggage Rack, Double Rollbar.

This car won "Best in Class" at a recent MG car show.

Never driven in the winter and seldom in the rain.

Looks absolutely as new (even the floors under the rugs get waxed)

Rustchecked yearly.

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Asking \$10,000 Cdn..Probably the best MG you'll find.

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cdum@astral.magic.ca

1969 MG B GT FOR SALE

It is in great shape with less than 60,000 original miles on the dial.

4 speed with electric overdrive

Call Bob at 722-5811

1952 MG TD FOR SALE from an estate

17,700 original miles

fully restored in 1958

asking \$25,000 US

Call Ray Clement at 834-6564

MG A FOR SALE

\$10,000

Call For Information

Gail or Colin Mine 256-5899 / 256-5756

CHARITY AUCTION DINNER to be conducted by the Grenville Christian College

May 8, 1997

Up for auction, along with some other vehicles, will be a 1954 MG TF .

Red exterior, tan interior, excellent condition.

Recently appraised in the area of \$20,000

For information on the auction and dinner call

Daniel E. Ortolani

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note: Len Fortin has a full colour picture and appraisal specifications.

THE OTTAWA MG CLUB

in association with CHEAPO-CHEAPO Cruises

presents

THE CHEAPO-CHEAPO 100 (plus tax - pp dbl.occ)

May 24 and 25 1997

The CHEAPO-CHEAPO 100 (plus tax - pp dbl.occ) is intended to be a fun and economical two day, one night get-away in your favourite car! (yes, I'm talking about your MG!), with your favourite person! (the Ottawa MG Club and CHEAPO-CHEAPO Cruises accepts no responsibility for how you determine who that person might be)

The driving run will be about 300 miles of very challenging roads through the Laurentians, including the "Oh, No, Not the roller coaster" section between Lac des Plages and St. Jovite. The night will be spent at the Grey Rocks Inn in the picturesque Mont Tremblant region of Quebec.

The challenge will be to spend not more than \$100 (plus tax - pp dbl.occ) after leaving Ottawa. The cost of accommodations, including a gourmet dinner and a very generous buffet breakfast at Grey Rocks, will be \$99 (plus tax - pp dbl.occ) so you can see that we haven't left a lot of room for error. In order to meet the challenge, you will have to fill your tank (yes, I'm talking about your gas tank on your MG!) before leaving the city on Saturday. And bring along a picnic lunch for a break along the way. A small quantity of your favourite beverage would be in order for a BYOB get together on Saturday night. A corporate sponsor will supply a light lunch on Sunday before our departure.

While at Grey Rocks, we will have full use of the hotel facilities, including pool, sauna, hot tub, tennis courts, private waterfront and the 18 hole golf course - all at no extra charge! If that doesn't interest you, there are incredible shopping opportunities at nearby Mont Tremblant. And remember, you still have \$1 (plus tax - pp dbl.occ) left to spend.

So why not join us? You deserve a CHEAPO-CHEAPO 100 (plus tax - pp dbl.occ) fun vacation!

For more information, call Mark or Heather Evenchick 521-3097

Reservations must be made before April 17, 1997

CHEAPO-CHEAPO..... "our name says it all"

psst.....

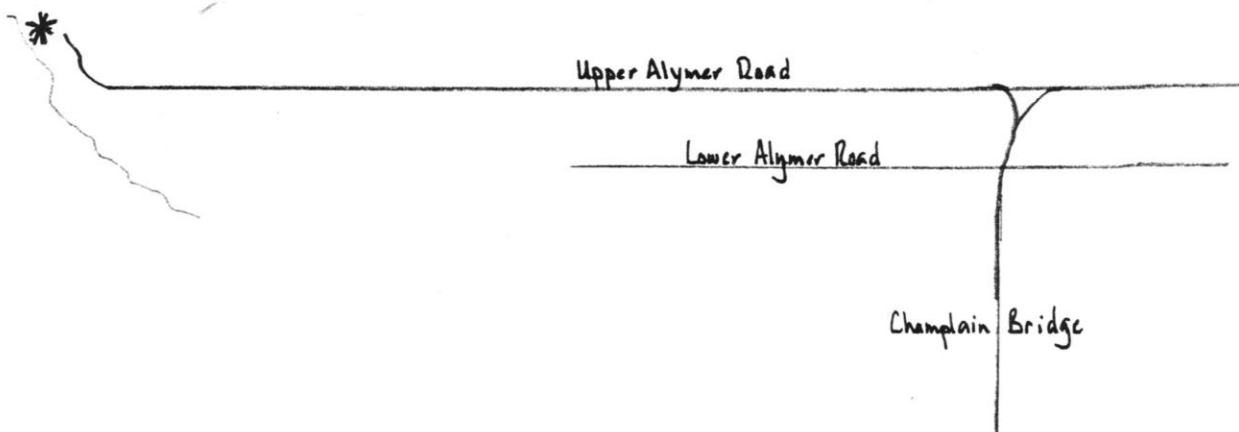
spread the word, there is a **NEW SUMMER MEETING PLACE** for The Ottawa MG Club

It has been talked about and chatted about and rumoured about and gossiped about and argued about and lectured about, and, now there is something **DONE** about it!

The club will hold it's summer meetings, from April to November, at the Alymer Marina Club. At least we will try it for this coming year and see how things go!

The Marina Club is a nice place at the water's edge, at the end of the Upper Alymer Road in Quebec. The Ottawa MG Club will have the exclusive use of a spacious room for the meetings on the third Thursday of each month. There are TV and VCR facilities. Clean rest rooms right at hand. An awning covered outside deck overlooking the water just through the large patio doors off the room. A well stocked bar for cocktails, beer and soda. And the proprietor is looking into stocking some good English ales. The menu has quite a variety of typical road house fare with prices that appear to be reasonable. Pizza of the 8" and 14" variety. Pasta. Sandwiches, hot and not hot. The prices range from \$5.75ish to \$8.25ish. Wine of the red and white variety (and the white is NOT a Chardonney for those who are particular). Each Thursday there is a steak special for \$6.95ish. This summer, a nightly Beer and Pizza Special for 4 is planned that will cost \$20. There is lots of parking for our cars. The parking lot is for the use of marina and restaurant patrons but there is not a special reserved area for MG folks. Not yet, anyway. The proprietor is looking into getting some simple barricades for us to use to help protect our cars.

Be sure to join us in this **NEW SUMMER MEETING PLACE** at the April meeting. It's easy to get there....just cross the Ottawa River at the Champlain Bridge, go up to the Upper Alymer Road, and turn left. You'll be heading west and you must continue to head west on the Upper Alymer Road all the way to the end of the road where it dumps you into the Alymer Marina Club parking lot. Simple! As a measure of distance, it is 18 kms from the intersection of Baseline Rd and Prince Of Wales Drive in Ottawa.



Spring Tune Up

So, Spring is just about here! You know there are a couple of jobs to get done on your pride and joy. You know when you fire it up that the it isn't going to be as sprightly as it was last summer. You know the carbs are out of tune and need some fiddling with. The fuel filter that you said you would do a couple of years ago should be done. Well, the club is here for you! To get the **SPRING** back in your MG (hah, hah) come along with spanner in hand to the Ottawa MG Club Spring Tune Up.

Where: Miniman
104 Walgreen Road, Carp
836-4283
Date: Saturday,
April 26, 1997
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
(or as long as it takes!)

This will be a basic tune up with all the right people on hand for you. Want those tires balanced the right way while still on the car? Want the convenience of a garage that services and rebuilds British cars? Want parts supply at a reduced club rate? Want to share ideas, problems and solutions? Come on down, your the next "contestant"!

Just to highlight the basic theme, here is a checklist:

Ignition	points condenser ignition wires spark plugs	Fuel	fuel filters air filters carburettor adjustment
		Engine	oil oil filter
Cooling	coolant flush radiator check pressure check radiator hose check	Battery	battery check load testing
		Tires & Wheels	balancing rim check tire condition
Brakes	brake fluid check handbrake adjust.		

If you have questions, or if there are other topics you would like to cover, feel free to contact me. Jordan

OTTAWA MG CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 1997

	date	event	time	contact
March				
	20	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Rochester Pub	7 pm
	22	Sat	Triumph Club Darts Match at Kings Stag Pub	2 pm
April				
	4-6	Fri-Sun	Autorama at Landsdowne Park Ottawa	
	17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
	20	Sun	British Car Day & Flea Market (Ancaster)	
	26	Sat	MG Club Spring Tune Up at Miniman	10 am (Jordan)
May				
	10	Sat	Annual Duck Race at Hartwell Locks	10 am (Nick)
	15	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
	17	Sat	Smiths Falls Car Show	
	24-25	Sat-Sun	Spring Run to Mt. Tremblant(Cheapo-Cheapo 100 plus tax - pp dbl.occ)	(Mark)
	31	Sat	Cumberland Museum Car Show	
June				
	01	Sun	Byward Market Car Show	(Mark)
	06-08	Fri-Sun	Vintage Racing Festival (Toronto)	
	14	Sat	Jaguar Club Concourse	
	19	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
	22	Sun	Richmond Car Show	
	25-29	Wed-Sun	GOF 63 NEMGTR in Boston	(Mark)
July				
	01-08	Tue-Tue	Smuggler's Cove Rum Run Thru The Gaps & Notches	(Mark)
	04-06	Fri-Sun	Prince Edward County Tour Boot'n'Bonnet Club	(Joe Lightfoot)
	10-13	Thr-Sun	MG '97 in Buffalo NAMGBR	(Len & Debi)
	17	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
	20	Sun	MG Croquet Match at the Fortin's in Greely	2 pm (Debi)
	27	Sun	Science & Tech Museum Car Show and Speed Day	
August				
	08-10	Fri-Sun	Roadster Factory Summer Party (Pennsylvania)	
	10	Sun	British Car Day Boot'n'Bonnet Club (Kingston)	(Joe Lightfoot)
	14-16	Thr-Sat	University Motors Summer Party (Grand Rapids)	
	21	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
	24	Sun	Monte Carleton York Flying 50 Rally	(Len)
September				
	06-07	Sat-Sun	Watkins Glen Racing Weekend	
	07	Sun	MG White Lake Splash at the Dallaire's cottage	(John & Janet)
	18	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
	19-21	Fri-Sun	British Invasion VII at Stowe (Vermont)	(Len)
	24-28	Wed-Sun	GOF 64 NEMGTR (Binghampton NY)	(Mark)
October				
	05	Sun	MG Fall Colour Run and Technical Meet	(Jordan)
	16	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm