



OTTAWA MG CLUB  
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THE SECOND EDITION OF THE CHEAPO-CHEAPO TOURS IS READY TO TAKE OFF

The premier edition of the Cheapo-Cheapo Tours for the Ottawa MG Club to Gray Rocks was such a success (see and read more about it on the inside of this newsletter) that a couple of the Cheapo-Cheapo travellers have planned and prepared for a second edition already. Good heavens, the oil has barely cooled down from the 1st run! The theme for this second edition will be an antique tour to the Picton area of Ontario! Beautiful country down that-a-way. Good roads. Nice bed & breakfasts. I have it from a reliable source, that you don't have to love to shop for antiques to be part of this tour - just as long as you love to tour with other MG folks! For all the details and information, talk to Jordan Houghten or Lyle Christensen. And get yourself ready for the 2nd edition of a Cheapo-Cheapo Tour on the first weekend in August.

## THE CHEAPO-CHEAPO 100

In preparation for this well published get-away, I am sure that all the other MG Drivers and Navigators did just like Debi and I. We packed carefully (I seldom let Debi take more than 1 travel bag). We prepared our picnic lunch in a sac ready for the lunch break (egg salad sandwiches are my favourite). We gassed up the B before getting to the meeting place (I topped up the tank right to the lip) We checked the list of stuff to bring and double checked the house before we left (I triple checked all that again!) And we met at the Evenchick's place on time at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts! The golfers amongst us were chatting about the greens and the tee-off times and the skiers were yakking about the slopes and the sunshine. I was among those folks just looking forward to a weekend of driving along nifty roads, spending time with my significant other and some friends, drinking a little wine and having the whole thing only cost me \$100 pp.dbf-occ. Well, all that came true (and I was glad it did) except for the part about the shopping! Oh, did I not mention the shopping part? Well, it seems that the Cheapo-Cheapo Tours people didn't mention it either and I am sure they didn't mention it so that the strict limit of \$100 pp.dbf-occ would be achieved. And it would have been achieved if those wee shops at Mont Tremblant had not been so interesting and open. But they were and the \$100 pp.dbf-occ was shot all to hell. But except for the shopping expense, the Cheapo-Cheapo 100 made it's mark!

We tried to get away at 9 am sharp but, as you know, with a bunch of MGers heading out on a run, there were a few points of order to get straight first. Like the map and the route instructions. The Cheapo-Cheapo folks gave out all the necessary stuff in goodie bags that included some emergency rations, should they be necessary in the event of a long breakdown. The Cheapo-Cheapo chocolate bars were the hit of the send-off party! And speaking of send-offs, Nick and Sue drove with us for a while as we headed for Gray Rocks. Nick in the TF and Sue in that cute Midget. Thanks for the best wishes accompaniment.

It was Highway 50, on the Quebec side, that was the first leg of the 100 mile run to Gray Rocks. Through Thurso, Cheneville, Lac-des-Plages, Brebeuf and on to the Gray Rocks site. A good run up and we made it in time for the golfers to get to the tee-off after a bit of food from our home made picnic lunches. Folks checked in and made necessary arrangements as required. The chalet for our Saturday night wine and cheese party was just a two minute walk across the road. Things were set and the weather was generally co:operating. This is when the shopping thing snuck up from behind and we were off to Tremblant. Lots of shops, lots of steps, lots to see and lots to buy - and there were several bars and restaurants to help quench a thirst after all the shops and steps. Late in the afternoon, while sitting at an outdoor bar, a tremor was felt by many folks (not all, but many) It turned out to be an earthquake rumble that was centered further away in Quebec but was felt for miles around. I won't tell who didn't feel the quake that afternoon at the bar - it may lead you wrong conclusions about who had too much wine! Lets just say that some were really concentrating on the shopping, and others were not!

After the shopping spree was complete and before dinner was to get started, several of us went to the indoor pool and hot tub. What a grand way to relax and soothe the shopping stress of the day away. And as you could expect we talked about everything from MG's to families and everything in between.

The dinner together was really nice. Appetizer, soup, salad, main course, dessert and beverage. Served very professionally and graciously. (and remember, all this is part of the \$100 pp.dbf-occ / only the shopping was outside the scope of this marvelous weekend run) The Saturday night wine and cheese get-together was grand too. I forgot to bring a portable stereo (remember I triple checked everything?) But the Gray Rocks folks came to the rescue and offered to loan us a nice stereo system for our music. The wine was donated by the Gawden's so thanks go out to Ihor and Heather. I can truly say (as I am often considered to be a connoisseur on matters such as these) the wine was excellent! And after we sent the last party goers to their rooms at half past midnight, we closed the doors on a wonderful day.

Breakfast together was a good one again. All included, remember! Then after the checkout process, we headed for St. Jovite for some browsing. I don't want to call it shopping because it was beyond the scope of the Cheapo-Cheapo 100. In no time at all it was time for lunch. I didn't think I could eat again but the meats and buns spread that was put on by 'a corporate sponsor' looked and tasted great! Many thanks to the 'staff' and 'management' of the generous corporate sponsor. After a wee clean up we were on our way home via the north route through Mont Laurier. And if my memory serves me correctly, this is where I had to get some gas. I was a little uncertain about making it all the way to Ottawa on the remainder in the tank, so I didn't want to take any chances. This run home was about 170 miles. The roads were good and some were challenging - especially the section around Wakefield. As we approached the city, we went our separate ways home, with waves and smiles shared amongst us. And except for the shopping, the Cheapo-Cheapo 100 did it's job for us! A great run!

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June 4, 1997

Dear Car Club Member:

On July 26 and 27, 1997, The National Museum of Science and Technology presents **From 2 Wheels to 4**, an event focussing on vehicles, both two and four-wheeled of the past and present. On Sunday July 27, 1997 we invite you and your club to join us from 10:00-4:00 for the vintage vehicle showcase to be held on the grounds.

Show off your car and tell avid enthusiasts the pains involved in the restoration and care of such masterpieces. While at the Museum, participants are invited to view our latest exhibit, *Speed*. This exhibit features Al Unser Senior's Formula 1 racing car, the 1968 Lotus Formula 51 and 1956 Packard among other jewels of our collection. Our ongoing exhibit *More than a Machine* offers a view of some of the finest motorcycles and automobiles.

Admission for participants and their families is free and lunch will be provided to participants. For more details on participating, please contact Paula Kirton at 991-5568.

Sincerely,

Paula Kirton  
Special Programs Coordinator

### The June Meeting - A Recap

More than 20 members and navigators braved the terrible traffic tie ups on Island Park Drive and the Champlain Bridge and the Upper Aylmer Road to attend this meeting. Tales from some of those who were caught in the line-ups claimed that they spent more than 20 minutes on Island Park Drive, inching their way to the mess on the Champlain Bridge. And then with the Upper Aylmer Road closed, all traffic was diverted to the Lower Aylmer Road. It was not a pretty site. Suggestions for the journey to the meeting next month: 1) get on the Ottawa River Parkway at Woodroffe and head east or get on at Parkdale Ave. and head west 'till the Champlain Bridge - then you miss the Island Park Drive battle. Or 2) cross the Ottawa River on one of the downtown bridges (like the du Portage at the Mill Restaurant or the Chaudiere at Lebreton) and once across into Hull, head west on Tache to the Aylmer Road - this gets you past both the Island Park Drive delay and the Champlain Bridge crawl. Or 3) cross to Hull as in plan number (2) but when you get to the Chemin de la Montagne road, turn right and go up to Highway 148, where you should go left and head west towards Aylmer. At the end of Highway 148 you turn left and head into Aylmer and turn right on Front Street. Front Street gets you to the Marina entrance roadway. Good luck!

At the June meeting we had a couple of chaps from DENT PRO, a mobile company based in Ottawa that will bring their tools and skills to your door to remove dents from the body of your automobile. Their "Paintless Dent Removal System" was briefly demonstrated on a couple of MG's and they described the tricks of their trade and the typical costs of their work. This dent removal system can be a very good way to get rid of many of the bumps and dents that your car may have (not just your favourite MG, but the family car as well) without the costly body shop methods of repainting of entire panels on the car. The business card advertisement for DENT PRO is pictured below in this newsletter. They are mobile and can come to your door to provide an estimate on the spot. Thanks to Oleg Grankin and Zsolt Krajcz of DENT PRO for the demo and information.



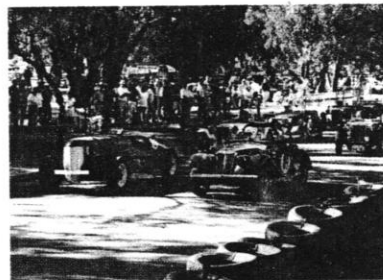
Zsolt Krajcz      Oleg Grankin  
276-6767

1115-1485 Baseline Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3L8

Moggies On The Grass

- A Special Invitation

The members of the Ottawa MG Club are cordially invited to spend the afternoon with GoMoG at Phantom Farms, on August 24th, 1997 at "High Noon". A relaxing afternoon of chatter, tall tales and the opportunity to ask "How did you do that?" is planned. Barbeques will be available so please bring your own food and beverages. Directions: West Hwy #7 to Upper Dwyer Hill / North on Dwyer Hill to Hamilton Rd. West on Hamilton Rd. to John Kennedy / Right onto John Kennedy Phantom Farms is 1/2 mile on the right



### THE YORK FLYING 50

Our photograph was taken at the 14th Annual York Flying 50 Speed Classic held in the historic town of York. Situated in Western Australia's Avon Valley the event brought together an incredible collection of historic and classic sports cars, racing saloons, sports sedans and GTs.

However, more than just a car event, the 'Flying 50' is a re-enactment of how motor racing was once conducted throughout Australia. Until the mid 50's, racing was staged on closed street circuits and dubbed "round the houses" racing. The format was abandoned in Australia following a disastrous European event in which a large number of spectators were killed or injured.

Remaining dormant until 1981 the 'Flying 50' has since been staged 13 times in Western Australia—the only state to hold these re-enactments.

Always strongly represented, the MG TC Owners' Club entered seven TCs, a TD and a Y-Type in the Historic Sports Car Race with the winning car being driven by TC guru, Mike Sherrell.

—Graham Mackie

# THE OTTAWA MG CLUB

Presents

## The Annual Croquet Match

At The Greely Fortin's

Sunday, July 20, 1997

starting at 1:00 pm & going 'till the trophy is won & the BBQ is done!

Get your club folks together and get your croquet teams set up (4 people per team)

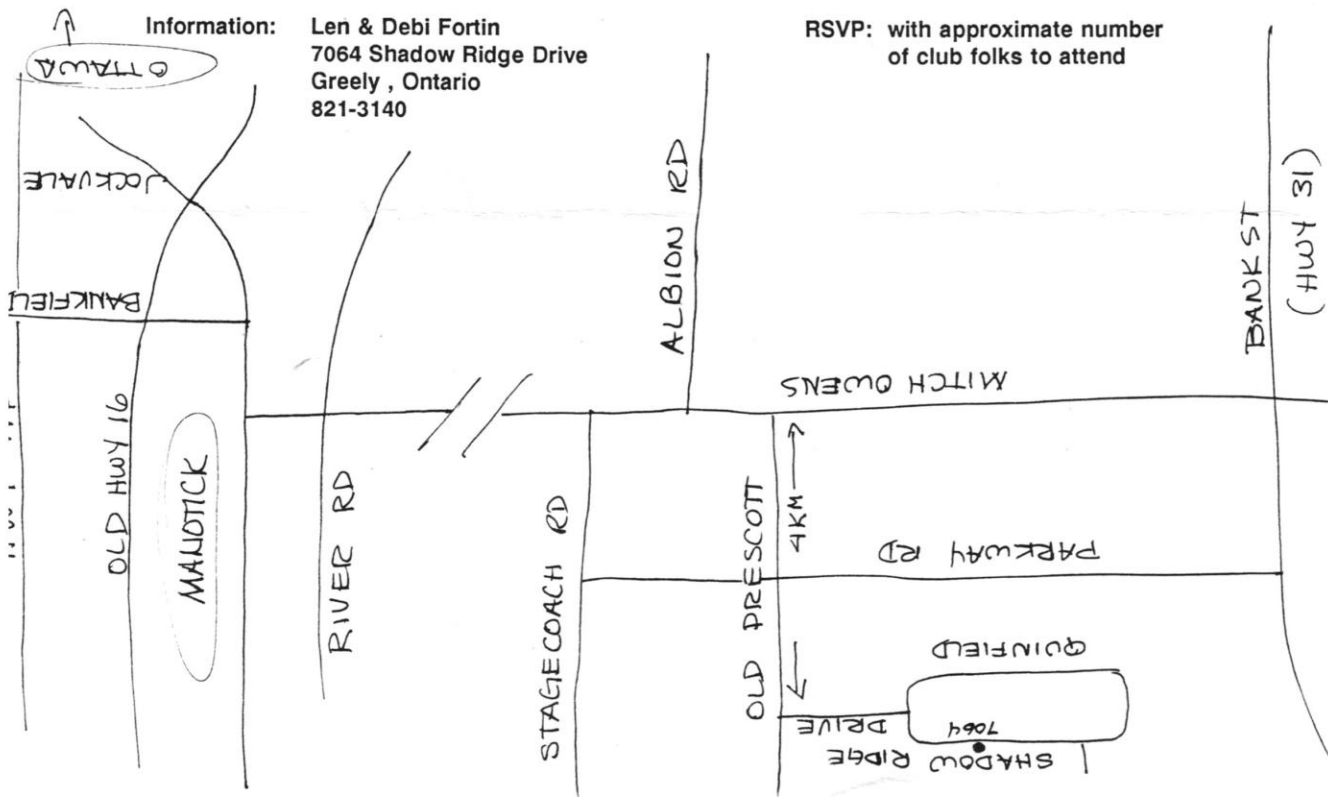
Bring lots of your favourite beverage to sip on all afternoon.

Bring a lawn chair to relax in while watching others play.

The BBQ goodies are supplied with the compliments of the Ottawa MG Club

The winner of the yucky old trophy must take it! No exceptions!

Map to the croquet site below



# DON'T MISS

THE BOOT 'N BONNET CLUB'S  
8TH ANNUAL  
BRITISH CAR DAY

TO BE HELD

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 10TH

KINGSTON CITY PARK

10:00 - 4:00

AWARDS AT 3:00

PARTICIPANT'S CHOICE JUDGING  
DASH PLAQUES  
(BBQ)

COST: \$15.00 PER CAR  
(INCLUDES BBQ FOR 2)  
FOR INFORMATION CALL

613 386 3797

613 542-8110



BRITISH CAR DAY '97  
PREREGISTRATION

I/we will be attending

(Name/names)

Marque/Model & year of vehicle

Please send this registration form, along with your cheque for \$15.00 made payable to "The Boot 'n Bonnet Club" to 307 Union Street, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 2R2.

HINCHINBROOKE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC.  
IS PROUD TO HOST THE:  
1st ANNUAL



CAR SHOW

& FLEA MARKET

JULY 12, 1997

RAIN OR SHINE

40 Miles north of Kingston, on Hwy #38 to  
Parham, turn left onto the Wagarville Rd.  
and continue west, to the Parham Fair Grounds

## ENTRY CLASSES

1920 STOCK	1920 CUSTOM	STOCK TRUCK
1930 STOCK	1930 CUSTOM	CUSTOM TRUCK
1940 STOCK	1940 CUSTOM	4X4 STOCK
1950 STOCK	1950 CUSTOM	MOST RARE TRUCK
1960 STOCK	1960 CUSTOM	COMMERCIAL TRUCK
1970 STOCK	T-BUCKETS	STREET MACHINES
1980 STOCK	MOTORCYCLES	SPECIAL INTEREST

## 21 TROPHIES 24"

1st 50 CARS RECEIVE DASH PLAQUES

BEGINS AT 10:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM

- \* ON SITE CANTEN (BY FIRE DEPT. ONLY)
- \* VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES: \$10.00
- \* PUBLIC ADMISSION \$1.00
- \* FREE PARKING
- \* VENDORS WELCOME: FEE \$10.00
- \* (NO FOOD CONCESSIONS PLEASE)
- \* CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE
- \* CHILDREN'S GAMES ON SITE

## ALL PROCEEDS FOR THE HINCHINBROOKE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC.

REGISTRATION MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: HINCHINBROOKE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC. CAR SHOW  
AND MAIL IT TO: GARRY OR RHODA HOWES  
c/o HINCHINBROOKE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC.  
PARHAM, ONT. K0H 2K0

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTE: NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY OR DAMAGES INCURRED TO PERSONS OR PROPERTIES DURING THIS EVENT  
SIGNATURE OF ENTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDORS SPACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRUCK: \_\_\_\_\_  
MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
1 DAY \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# THE OTTAWA MG CLUB DOES THE MARKET

by Shannon Lee Mannion

The folks of the Ottawa MG Club could hardly wait to get in their registrations for the first annual Byward Auto Classic. And with inimitable club spirit, those who thought "deadline, shmeadline", showed up on Sunday, June 1st, sans registration, and crowbarred themselves into the lineup. There were 46 allotted spots in Section B. The MG Club seemed to take up 20! Thank God, they're small.

The club members were having so much fun, flailing about with Dri-Wash, building patio furniture, and having snackettes that the Triumph Club decided to eschew their comfy, but lonely courtyard location and set up beside the MGers. Even the Corvette Club gave the area the eye, thinking they may just squeeze their cars on the median of what now looked like a jumble sale of British sports cars.

The show progressed with more MG's joining in or circling the block, waiting for the Austin Healey to leave, who by now was ensconced on the sidewalk at the top of the club display, doubtless figuring that it was open season for sports car parking at this end of York Street. The Lotus and Alfa Clubs were considering a move from in front of The Bay, but they would have to hang their cars from the sky, so thought better of it. The Jag's loved where they were and weren't budging.

The crowning accomplishment of the MG Club to draw not only spectators, but cars to their section was when a hulking 442 decided that since he was registered, come hell or high water, he was going to have a spot - and that big American behemoth nestled right in there, no problem.

So what's the moral of the story? No moral! Everyone had fun and this is what counts. I saw the MG & Triumph Clubs, along with the Volkswagen Club, having lunch at the Brig, and enjoying themselves immensely. I think the Volkswagen Club is still there. Mind you, as the person in charge of Section B, I had a few answers to come up with at a post mortem meeting to discuss the show. Questions such as, "Shannon, how come there were only 5 MG's registered and yet half the block seemed to be MG's??" And, "How come the rest of the block had all Volkswagens and yet only six were registered??" And, "Where did that Jensen and Morris Minor come from??" Well, the MG's and the Bugs, I can account for. You know they're friends, I had to let them in. But the others??

## WHAT A SPORTS CAR SHOW AT RICHMOND

by Shannon Lee Mannion

Once again, the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club (OVTC) have outdone themselves in presenting the best sports car show in the region. Now, you might say it's the only sports car show - how hard can this be? What you must keep in mind is that most of the other shows incorporate some sports cars, but nothing to compare with OVTC's show at Richmond. For anything else doesn't come close, or at least seemed to have, what with the remarkable showing of the MG and Jaguar Clubs. But at Richmond, quantity and quality predominated; close to 50 Triumphs alone! You can't snuff at that!

I commend the Triumph Club on drawing an extraordinary field of cars. When have all the British sports car clubs, and some of every other marque of sports car, come to be in a show together? The success of the Byward Market show is eclipsed; there were no Ferraris, no Lamborghinis, no Porches, no Mercedes, and Hugh Dolan did not bring his 1941 Cadillac to the market. This show was the maiden voyage for the '41 Cadillac! I also noted the Alvis out for a spin, and some major metal from the 50's and 60's! Oh, that Buick and that Galaxie!

The Byward show did have a Jensen, but then again, Richmond had three, although not all at the same time. And Morgans; I don't think one thin Morgan made the Byward show, despite one being registered. Richmond had half a dozen Mogs, including the GOMOG club display, a bizarre exhibit of going camping in your Morgan. Note that this wasn't "with" your Morgan, but rather "in"! According to Greg Kauffman, the port-a-kayak gear apparently is an option. I think what GOMOG did this year was to take a look at some Volkswagen camper advertisements from the sixties and then drew their own conclusions about how much fun and frolic they could get up to.

The Jaguar Club went out of their way to create a sensation with their display. There was no way they wanted to loose the hard won trophy snatched from the hands of GOMOG last year. Additionally, they were up for a double whammy of bagging yet another trophy in the month of June, as Phil Karam's XK120 was the first place winner of the People's Choice trophy at the Byward Auto Classic. Dave Boon's XK150 was pressed into action, freed for the time being from it's cage and metamorphosed into a race car. A nice touch, up on blocks like that, tools everywhere, legs sticking out....Dave's legs??

Nonetheless, despite industrious efforts on the part of these two ruthlessly competitive clubs, from the time the first timber was put into place, and bales of straw strewn about, it was a foregone conclusion whose name would go on the trophy for 1997. The Triumph Club presented a display, the thought behind which was so simple (classic KISS), Morganeers and Jaguarettes walked by slapping their foreheads and saying, "Why didn't we think of that?" Spectators admired and hankered after the display called 'The Find' and voted accordingly. Congratulations OVTC and to Steve Bourne who was struck by a creative thunderbolt. Thanks to his brother, Rod, who was instrumental in setting up the test display on a Saturday and the real one on the day of. Special thanks to the Almonte Civitan Club for the loan of the tent and to John Pritchard for supplying the TR3 and not minding straw everywhere.

# OTTAWA MG CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 1997

date	event	time	contact
<b>July</b>			
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	
<b>August</b>			
02-03	Sat-Sun	Cheapo-Cheapo Antique Tour To Picton Area	(Jordan & Lyle)
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)	
17	Sun	MG White Lake Splash at the Dallaire's Cottage	(John & Janet)
21	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
24	Sun	Monte Carleton York Flying 50 Rally	(Len & Gilles)
<b>September</b>			
06-07	Sat-Sun	Watkins Glen Racing Weekend	
18	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm
19-21	Fri-Sun	British Invasion VII at Stowe (Vermont)	(Mary)
24-28	Wed-Sun	GOF 64 NEMGTR (Binghamton NY)	(Mark)
<b>October</b>			
05	Sun	MG Fall Colour Run and Technical Meet	(Jordan)
16	Thr	Ottawa MG Club Meeting at Aylmer Marina	7 pm

## THE FIRST ANNUAL AUTO CLASSIC

Picture this.....downtown Ottawa in the touristy, shop laden Byward Market area on a pleasant, partly sunny afternoon and a shitload of classic cars! MG's of course, Triumph, Jaguar, Corvette, VW, street rods, dragsters, old fashioned jobs, new fangled ones - you name it....it was there. At the First Annual AUTO CLASSIC. Some apologies must come from yours truly along with many thanks to Ron Cavanaugh, Ian Jackson, Mark Evenchick, Paul Williams and Eric Smith. You see all these folks registered well in advance for the car show, but I was just plain late and had to hope for the best that space would be available. Thank goodness we were allowed to plunk our cars among the others when we arrived at 8 am on Sunday morning (pays to know people in authority, eh?!? .....thanks Shannon!) We organized the cars in a sort of semi-circle with the MG C GT in the middle; TD's on either side of that; then Midgets and B's on either side of them. And lots and lots of good folks dropped by for a peek at the cars and a chat with those who were displaying them. Some current club members dropped by, and it was good to see them! One club member who hasn't paid his dues for the year, and he shall remain nameless for now, also came to see us. There were a number of potential new members who also stopped to chat - several with "B's and one with a Midget. And of course there were many folks that just wanted to look at the display cars and talk about the vehicles.

As I said, there were all kinds of vehicles there - old model A and T Fords, grand Cadillacs, classics of the 50's 60's and 70's, wonderful VW's, souped up specials, noisy noise makers, some with paint jobs that would just blow you away, oldies but goodies, just grand vehicles! But after a few hours in the sunshine (and a bit of lunch) and following a lot of chat amongst ourselves, it suddenly became 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The grand exit. Just before we left, I heard some organizer folks talking about the early feedback they had received from viewers and the success it had been - and they were starting to plan for next year - The Second Annual Auto Classic. Great! Lets do it again.