

The Dashpot Revival Edition - March 2016

You may remember, at the Annual General Meeting in November 2015, the announcement of a proposed revival of **The Dashpot** newsletter as the driving season approaches in 2016.

A quick 2-pager newsletter, published mid-month, to briefly review recent events and prepare club members for up-coming events. Hope this revival meets with your approval!

The months of January & February, in our neck of the woods anyway, are usually long on snow and short on MGs. But all kinds of things were happening behind the scenes for the Ottawa MG Club.......

The <u>Silver Jubilee Keepsake Booklet</u> was published and is available for viewing.

In January, the <u>Cheapo-Cheapo 2016</u> event participation numbers were reported to be 23 cars / 46 people & still growing [my notes now show 29 cars/ 58 people].

The Ottawa MG Club Membership Survey got rolling, and by the time the survey window closed on February 29, almost 70% of club members responded.

In January, the folks from CAA re-confirmed the <u>Special Pricing Program</u> for members of the Ottawa MG Club.

The <u>OMGC Valentines Gathering</u> event was held at Biagio's Italian Kitchen. Food service was, unfortunately, a bit slow, but we had a grand time with the team trivia questions and, of course, the MG camaraderie.

Also in February, the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club hosted the <u>Annual All British Car Club Darts Match</u>. Congratulations to club members Ivan Wood & Mike Tremblay for their tremendous efforts, resulting in an Ottawa MG Club Champions win this year.

And speaking of snow (see snow reference in paragraph 1), the <u>OMGC Ski Day</u> was a success! And by "a success" I mean club member Terry Haines did not have to spend the day alone at the lodge..... Mike Daniels kept him company.

Scott Morris (member of the British Sports Car Club, Hamilton & British Car Council Director) publishes a <u>multi-page PDF document</u> listing all kinds of British cars & parts available in Ontario. (most from Kijiji & similar sites) Take a peek & wander through the pages to see all kinds of British vehicles, British parts, and some British car events.

The month of March doesn't have too much scheduled, MG speaking anyway; although typically, Spring Break is smack in the middle of the month - when many school kids get some time off from classes. And speaking of school kids, you may recall the very successful MG Car Show & Tell event held in October last vear (organized by club member Gerry Neville at Cairine Wilson Secondary School). We want to do more of these MG display events in 2016 and we have some leads already. So keep an eve on the 2016 calendar and on the OMGC broadcasts so you can be aware of the dates/times/ locations of such displays and be part of one or two. They are great fun. And these kinds of local gatherings with young kids help encourage them to become people who want to Maintain The MG Marque.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Ottawa MG Club is on Thursday, March 17th at Louis' Restaurant, Cyrville Rd near Innes Rd. This is our Annual Photo & Video Night. There will be a number of picture presentations for your enjoyment. If you have any pictures or videos you'd like to offer or suggest, send a note to Len Fortin to be included in the show.

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Club member Mike O'Brien recently submitted a two page report to the Editor of the Ottawa Jaguar Club monthly newsletter [The Jottings] on the MK2 Jaguar project he has been working on for 4 years. It may have equal value for MG folks with the same thought in mind.

Click here to view & read the report.

Membership Renewals

OMGC membership renewals for the 2016/2017 season can be paid at the March 17 meeting.

The cost of renewal is \$35 and the best way to renew your membership is by PayPal.

Go to the Ottawa MG Club web site and login to renew your membership via PayPal.

Alternately, send an email to <u>status@omgc.info</u> and you'll receive an automated reply containing a link to pay via PayPal.

Membership directors Robert Giroux & Jonathan Adams will be accepting cheques (\$35 payable to The Ottawa MG Club) or cash at the March club meeting.

Those not able to attend the meeting should please mail their cheque to:
OMGC Memberships, 29 Rideaucrest Drive, Ottawa, On, K2G 6A4.

When you renew your membership, you will receive your copy of the 2016-2017 OMGC full-colour calendar.





Editors Note: Both of the vehicles above are quite magnificent... not too many of each in the world today!

Looking just a little bit further into the driving season......

A Get-Together of all Ottawa MG Club members (drivers & navigators; old & new) is set for Sunday, April 17th at the Rideau Restaurant, north of Kemptville, starting at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.