

The Dashpot Spring Edition - April 2016

The new driving season has arrived so this edition of **The Dashpot** newsletter will focus on getting ready for it. Season Kick Off Event / Spring Tune Up Event / Club Member Survey Results / Memberships (New & Renewals) / and other stuff.

March Meeting News:

Several slideshows were presented to entertain meeting attendees, including a slideshow that recapped the OMGC 2015 events and activities. We did have a great *Silver Jubilee* year. Thanks to everyone who took part in the celebrations.

A few more Long Distance Awards were presented to club members for their driving distances in 2015. Click here to learn about the BCCI LDAs and get a form for the 2016 driving season.

Welcome to these new club members who joined before the March meeting: Bruce & Lynn Hamilton [1968 MGB]

Wally Clemens & Adelle Taylor [1973 MGB; 1977 Mini]

Josee Normandin [1966 MGB]

Marc & Lynne Forgette [looking to purchase an MG]

Roger Rutherford [MGB]

The <u>Hagerty Driving Experience Program</u> was introduced. Club members strongly supported this opportunity. We will target for a 2017 event date.

The <u>Drive-In Movie event date (June 25th)</u> will probably be re-scheduled, because a combined <u>OVTC / OMGC Winery Event</u> is in the planning stages for the same date. More details as the event date gets closer.

The Ottawa MG Club Membership Survey window closed February 29. 70% of club members responded. Results have been reviewed by club Executives. More information about those results will be available soon.

Full-colour calendars were issued to folks who renewed their club membership.

While looking for stuff to put into this edition of **The Dashpot** I found an old article published by Hagerty: "Living With Ethanol", by Don Sherman, included here courtesy of Hagerty Classic Cars, copyright 2013, www.hagerty.com Maybe the OMGC should talk/learn more about ethanol and gasoline to see who knows what about this topic. Any resource suggestions?

Looking Forward:

See the note at the bottom of this page about the next few events in the month of April. Driving season is almost upon us. Be ready!

May 1st:

Boot'n'Bonnet Autojumble

May 7th:

Drive Your MG-eh! Day

May 27-29:

Cheapo-Cheapo 2016

May 29:

Hudson British Car Show

June 9:

Show & Tell MG Display at Extendicare Medex

June 13-17:

MG 2016 in Louisville KY

June 21-22:

<u>Trans-Canada</u> <u>Travelers</u> come to Ottawa

June 25:

Combined OMGC/OVTC Winery Visit Event

The <u>Season Kickoff Gathering event is set for Sunday, April 17 at the Rideau Restaurant</u> and the <u>Spring Tune-Up is set for Saturday April 30th at Jim Devine's garage & storage facility</u>, and the next regular monthly meeting of the Ottawa MG Club is kind-of in between on <u>Thursday, April 21st</u> at Louis' Restaurant, Cyrville Rd near Innes Rd. Lots to do this month!

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Club member Mike Price sent me a photocopied story of the MGA; the racing MGA that is! The report is written by Russell Lowrey and the report is an account of the MGA stepping into the racing world at the 1955 Le Mans. The shape of the new MGA was significantly different from the MGT series, and with wonderful success at Le Mans, the new MGA became enormously popular.

Membership Renewals

OMGC membership renewals for the 2016/2017 season can be paid at the April 21 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 April 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.

Roadside Restoration

Here are two links to some Roadside Restoration information stored on the OMGC website.

These documents can help you track down fuel/ignition problems.... in the middle of just about anywhere. [click on the link of your choice; print the PDF document on your printer; the 4 page full-size version for 8 1/2 X 11 paper; the 1 page for 2-sided printers]

The 4 page full-sized version

The 1 page double sided booklet version.



Club member Bill Curnoe found this great article in an issue of "Old Autos", about the MG - P Series cars. Click here to see the article written by Norm Mort and peek at some pictures of this wonderful MG model from the 1930's.