



The Dashpot

October 2018

This edition is also “more than the usual one page”. I just couldn’t fit all the stuff into a single sheet; well, perhaps I could if the font was about 11 1/2, but we won’t go there! There were even some items that I have had to push into the November edition.
Get ready for the AGM on November 15th!

Looking Forward:

Oct 18

[Monthly Meeting](#)

Nov 15

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Nov 25

[Multi-Club](#)

[Trivia Challenge](#)

Dec 1

[OMGC Christmas Party](#)

September Meeting News: This meeting was conducted at the eQuinelle Golf Club Restaurant, just North of Kemptville.

The Merrickville Classic European Car Show

What a show, eh!!!!

More than 100 cars!!

The event organizers were so pleased to see such a great turn-out.

The Merrickville Chamber of Commerce want us to do it again next year.

[Click here to view a grand bunch of pictures.](#)

[thanks to Barry Philips for carefully nudging this idea into a reality]

[and thanks to the volunteers for their efforts on the day]

Electrical Mysteries of the MG - A Technical Session About Amps, Volts & Ohms

Mike “Mr. Voltage” Daniels did a super job of walking us through all there is to know about the basics of electrics, and especially how the issues and situations surrounding electricity and MGs sometimes appear to be in conflict, unless proper steps are taken to get things working in harmony.

[wire size, connectors, load, resistance, and especially ‘good grounds’, to name a few]

Thank you Mike!! And thanks to Phil Carney for allocating the garage for the session; and thanks to Francine for the Pizza Run. May only good electricity things always be with you!

[Click here to see pictures.](#)

OMGC Fall Colour Run

40+ vehicles (MGs and others); 80+ people (MGers and others); a very cool, crisp sunnyish day; foliage painted in wonderful colours; a fabulous route around the province of Quebec (with perhaps one leg we might avoid in future, eh?); a worthy restaurant for lunch; a great atmosphere! Thanks again to Brian Swan & Sheila Silver, and Dave Graham.

[See lots of pictures here!](#)

**The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ottawa MG Club
is [Thursday, October 18](#) at**

[Verona Steak & Pizza, 1682 Cyrville Road in Gloucester](#)

Pictures of Michael Cooke’s tape labels for wiring & speedometer are here:

[bullet connector labels](#)

[no retracing circuits once labeled]

[speedometer labels](#)

[daytime easily visible]

OMGC - Receives Prestigious Award At The British Invasion (Stowe, Vermont)

The Manny Cunard Humanitarian Award was presented to the Ottawa MG Club members for, as OMGC President, Trish Adams says, "their support and efforts helping other club members to get to their destinations, over the years, helping each other with the provision of parts, labour, knowledge, and hugs too, as necessary. It's what we do!"

[Click here to see a few pictures from the British Invasion at Stowe, Vermont \(and a peek at the award\)](#)

The [1st Annual British Car Club Golf Tournament](#) went very well. Perfect weather; sunny; 20 degrees. Triumph, MG and Jaguar clubs were in attendance. Everyone had a good time. Manderley On The Green golf course is a lovely location for a tourney. Played 9 holes on the south course. Team Triumph team scored 37 (Chuck carried the team). Mixed MG/Jaguar team scored 44. Longest drive at approx 150 yds by Michael Solonyenko. Closest to the pin by Chuck Hobbs. This tournament is for all levels, especially beginners & people who only golf once or twice a year. If there had been a prize for most incredible shot, it would have been won by Chuck when he drove from the tee and his ball hit a tree near the green, the ball deflected from the tree branch landing on the green, then rolled within a few inches of the cup. We wrapped things up at the clubhouse with a free drink, a few laughs and the prize giveaway's. Thanks to everyone for coming out this year. David Batten OVTC

The Bill & Linda Bradley Stowe Experience

(as told by Bill, and unedited by *The Dashpot* Review Board)

What happens on the road stays on the road, doesn't apply to club activities! Here is the true version of events:

Friday was a beautiful sunny day. Linda and I got on the road at 7ish, in our cleaned, tuned 76B and headed to the border. We met up with the group going to Stowe at the UPS store in Ogdensburg. So far so good!

We headed out as a group ready for an uneventful but fun trip to our final destination. Well within about a 3 minute drive down the highway a not good smell (not the usual not good) started wafting in the car and my AMP meter went off the scale on the + side, so I pulled over at the first convenient spot. The hood was popped up, symptoms described, the smell analyzed, and by consensus it was determined that my alternator had gone bad. Simple solution was to disconnect it and keep going. Yes why head back home, a little over an hour away, when you can keep going for another 4+ hours. The car wouldn't start so a little push and we were on our way.

Our next stop was for breakfast during which the symptoms were further discussed and it appeared that there was uncertainty about the original diagnosis. After a few logical tests by Mike, Jordan, and Adrian we had a new diagnosis, it's the starter. Great I can now plug the alternator back in! So another little push and we were back on the road.

I never turned the car off again until we arrived in Stowe, this included a ferry ride where I was parked next to a giant Turn Your Engine Off sign. Also behind us, by chance, was a gorgeous newly restored Jag E Type, yes nosed right up to our back pumper spewing a little exhaust. The owner was pretty good natured about it, externally anyway.

Well we made it to Stowe and drove directly to Willies, a garage virtually on the car show field. There we met Willie, a somewhat crusty and kind at the same time owner. He confirmed our second diagnosis, the starter, but could not source one locally. I contacted MOSS and they shipped one out overnight and it arrived at 10:30 the next day, very impressive. In the meantime Jen and Todd had found a possible replacement from a vendor on the show field, so we had a plan b. We were back up running by 1:00 on Saturday.

All to say we had a great weekend surrounded by great people. Trish coordinated the weekend, Jordan led the pack, Adrian, Jordan, Andrew, and Mike provided great technical support, Jen and Todd provided a plan b, Julia led us home, and everyone supplied tons of laughs and fun. We do need to find some better bonfire starters, just saying.

By the way I believe the reason my starter went is that my key is sometimes sticking in the Start position and not returning to the Run position. One more thing to drive me nuts.

Got several minutes to watch a traffic simulation of a 4-way intersection?? You gotta see this!:

<https://boingboing.net/2018/04/19/watch-traffic-flow-better-in-3.html>

I got this from a recent edition of the Morgan Newsletter "The Blurb"