



# The Dashpot

## May 2019



Here's another 2-page edition of *The Dashpot*. Since it was re-introduced in March 2016, it was supposed to be just a one pager bulletin.... but it seems we tend to have so many events to do, and such great results from doing them, it almost always spills to another page. Don't miss **PAGE 2**

**April Meeting News:** Club members had the opportunity to renew their membership [ \$35 ] and receive their copy of the OMGC full-colour calendar 2019-2020. May I remind you, the **membership renewal price goes up to \$40 if you don't renew before May 31st** - so if you have not yet renewed, please act quickly to do so.

### Club Member Catherine Blair Presented With The Renkenberger Spirit Award

As Catherine tells it, she was having a mid-life crisis, and it was either going to be an affair ..... or a sports car. She opted for the sports car, but then had to decide which one to get. She spent some time doing her due diligence and concluded that the members of the Ottawa MG Club have the most fun, so in 2011 she joined our Club, and with the help of a couple of members, purchased Emily, her Primrose Yellow 1973 MGB. Catherine attends our meetings, and enjoys participating in Club events. She also enjoys driving Emily to events organized by others, at home and further afield, ie, All British Car Day in Ottawa, the British Invasion in Stowe, and the recent NAMGBR Annual Convention in Gettysburg. She volunteered to organize the Club Christmas party one year, complete with a surprise visit from Santa, distributing festive cheer and gifts to all. As a member of our team of GT-39 volunteers in July 2014, Catherine helped with registration, welcoming our guests, and providing them with information. She served on the Club Executive as Member at Large in 2016 and 2017, and then took on the role of Membership Director for 2018-2019. During this first year of her two-year term, Catherine has recommended updates to various areas of the membership portfolio, which will benefit the club and its members. Catherine is not the "loudest" member of our club, but she is always ready to get involved and help, and most importantly, to spread the MG love! She would be a worthy recipient of the NAMGAR Renkenberger Spirit Award. Pictures [here](#) and [here](#).

### Looking Forward:

May 16

[Monthly Meeting](#)

May 25

Technical Session  
with Adrian Sawyer  
front suspension wishbone  
bushings  
see broadcast for info

May 31- June 2

[Adirondack Adventure](#)

June 8

[OMGC Photo Op Day](#)

June 14-16

[VARAC Racing Mosport](#)

June 23-26

[NAMGBR 2019](#)

June 23

[Wheels on the Mississippi](#)

June 30

[Gumball Rally](#)

Wonderful Technical Session on April 29 in the laneway of Club Member Michael Cooke [ thank you, Michael! ]

**Upgrading Seats MGB/MG Midget**

[Click here to see some photos of the session](#)

[Click here to see some of Michael's Technical Notes](#)

There are several driving limitations if you use those Provincial Historical Plates. [Click here for info from a newsletter published by the Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario \[ page 10 \].](#)

**SATURDAY MAY 4th was  
"Drive Your MG-eh! Day"**  
Many thanks to Adrian Sawyer & Julia Fortey for a super route and destination. Weather was a bit cool and damp but the gang seemed to really enjoy the day.

[Click here to see some pictures.](#)

**Great Cars!!!  
its movie time  
grab some popcorn**

**Here is a great  
documentary on the MG.**

<https://youtu.be/MLVViasW7to>

Here is a note via Dave Adams from Hagerty about MG TD values:  
[Click here to read the article.](#)

**The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ottawa MG Club  
is [Thursday, May 16](#) at [Chances R Restaurant](#)**

# A Clever Idea

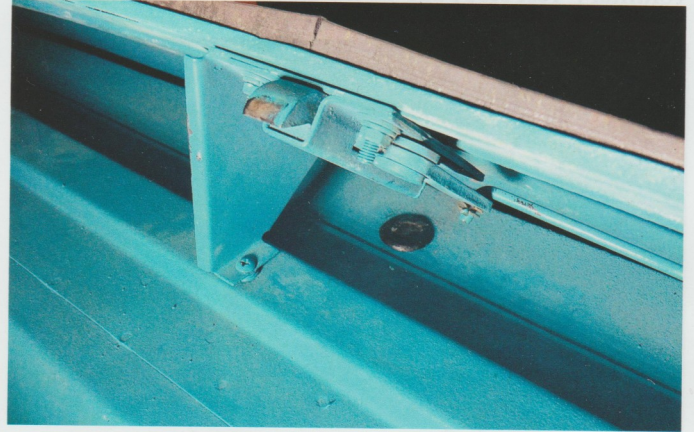
By Ken Nelson as seen in the Michigan Rowdies' A-Antics, November/December Issue-  
Emergency Boot Release

At the last Rowdie meet Bill Weakley told us of a new problem that I have not thought about ever. Some of us have occasionally struggled to release the bonnet on our MGA if the latch gets jammed, and it is a major problem to do so without destroying the paintwork. But there at least is an opening in the grill that can allow some access.

How about if instead of the bonnet, it's the trunk (boot to you purists) that jams shut? Bill had his linkage come apart and faced just that situation. But now there is no opening to work through, assuming your spare tire is latched down in position. After thinking about it for awhile,

Bill came up with the best solution for this problem, by drilling a hole up through the floor of the trunk and using a screwdriver to release the latch.

See the picture below for his clever solution. Fill the hole with a rubber plug after touching up the raw edge around the hole. •



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## An Update from Julia Fortey and the Project Of Bringing Her 1974 MGB Back To Life

I am sure a few club members would be interested in knowing the state of progress on my MGB project. It is with much enthusiasm that I would like to announce the successful completion in getting my Little British Car on the road! It has taken a bit of blood, a lot of sweat, a few tears, and help from many, many hands within the club. I had absolutely no idea what I was getting myself into when I purchased my poor, neglected little toy. I knew I was going to learn a LOT along the way, and attend any and every tech session I could! The first tech session I attended was about electronic relays, and the camaraderie among the other club members was admirable. The next two tech sessions were in my very own driveway and a completely overwhelming experience! I have never seen a car stripped down so quickly and with such gusto! It was like watching a bunch of kids playing with a brand new Lego set! A lengthy "to do" list was drafted up, and cautiously I was on my way. The car has been a slow and winding process of forward motion with a few detours along the route. Although the project involved many

countless hours and "too many new parts to mention", it is the friendships, road trips and various club events that have taken this from an average project to an all-encompassing experience. Sure, it still has its original barn fresh patina, but it runs great! Thank you ALL for your encouragement, help and generosity.

Julia



Production At Abingdon Opens In 1930

**The OMGC  
Spring Tune-Up  
was a resounding  
success. Thanks to  
Andrew & Susan  
for the use of their  
place and for a  
wonderful burger  
& salad lunch.**

[Click for pictures.](#)

