



The Dashpot

August 2019



Warning to those folks that might get confused about the next few meetings..... There will NOT be a regular 3rd Thursday meeting in August..... Instead we will conduct the August meeting at the OMGC Summer BBQ event. And the September meeting will be on the 3rd Wednesday of that month (just this one time folks... some special guests will be with us). Everybody understand?? Good!!

July Meeting News: This meeting was held in conjunction with the OMGC Summer Picnic at the Swan's Nest in Wakefield. And, as you know, we all love a summer picnic much more than a meeting, so there was lots of picnic and very little meeting. Folks were encouraged to watch for event broadcasts via email and to look closely at their calendars to be sure they don't miss anything.

On Saturday, July 13th we gathered at The Swan's Nest for the OMG Summer Picnic. Brian & Sheila have hosted this summer picnic for a few years now and it's always a great spot for a club gathering. There were about 20 cars/40 people. Unfortunately, Brian was unexpectedly 'otherwise occupied' as he had to spend some time in the local hospital for tests all day. Picnic participants enjoyed the weather and the games and the rides on the pontoon boat and the desserts were wonderfully delicious!! Thanks again to Brian & Sheila for hosting. Click here to see some pictures:

http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/index.php/nggallery/2019-photos/Summer-Picnic-2019?page_id=4947

The All British Car Day (conducted on Saturday, July 20th at Britannia Park) was another successful event for the OMGC and the other British car clubs in Ottawa. Many thanks to all the folks who volunteered their time to help out with the several tasks that make this event so enjoyable. Click on the link below to see some pictures:

http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/index.php/nggallery/2019-photos/ABCD-2019?page_id=4947

Did you know there is a website with a list of all the gas stations in the USA & Canada that carry ethanol free gasoline... click here:

https://www.pure-gas.org/?fbclid=IwAR1S6n3PhhTAXnV2z4XeaRXztQQlxR-ayBrEgsexhqQKCb_43KhKQZ-

Skinner's Union: the story behind S.U.carburettor.
(not a sausage factory after all)

Read all about it here:

<https://www.prewarcars.com/skinners-union-the-story-behind-su?fbclid=IwAR31ysHNVn833eK85pyDkN0y003AppILDgEcOOpRLoiA2uWEkaMHHHuo3w>

[Youtube MG Cars Channel](#)

The Royal Air Force Red Arrows are touring North America later this year, and will be performing their only show in Eastern Canada in Ottawa on Tuesday, August 13.

How NOT To Change A Tire

The British Car Display at the Glengarry Highland Games was conducted on Friday, August 2nd. The turnout of British vehicles was the best it has ever been. Will Robertson (car show manager) was very impressed. Click here to see some pictures:

http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/index.php/nggallery/2019-photos/Glengarry-Highland-Games-2019?page_id=4947

Chat with Len to see why his '77B didn't start when they tried to leave at 3 o'clock

The next **Regular** Monthly Meeting of the Ottawa MG Club is **Wednesday, September 18** at **Heart & Crown Pub**

with Wendy & Gary Croker from Australia

[note this date is one day in advance of the usual Thursday meeting]

Looking Forward:

August 10
[OMGC Summer BBQ in Beaconwood](#)

August 11
[Boot'n'Bonnet All British Car Day](#)

August 15
Monthly Meeting
CANCELLED

August 24
[OMGC Overnight Run](#)

September 7
[NEXT MGeneration](#)

September 10
[British Invasion at the Hazeldean Mall](#)

September 13
[British Invasion at Stowe, Vermont](#)

September 15
[British Car Day at Bronte Creek](#)

September 18
(Wednesday: one day early)
[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

September 29
[Merrickville Classic European Car Show](#)



**Glenda and Chris
have found another use
for their
Ottawa MG Club
SILVER JUBILEE
Grill Badge**

**Deco Chrome in Ormstown
Quebec apparently does
fabulous work... as
confirmed by club member
Mike O'Brien (they did the
rad cover and headlight
buckets for his TD). The
work is excellent... not
cheap, but cheaper than the
rest. Website is:**

<http://deco-chrome.com/>

**A few OMGCers attended a
Vintage Car Display at the
Perth Long Term Care
Center. Pictures here:**

http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/index.php/nggallery/2019-photos/Vintage-Car-Show-at-the-Long-Term-Care-Center-in-Perth?page_id=4947

(these cars below were not there)



1948 Morris 10 Series 8



1933 Austin 10

So much less tyre squirt on a three-wheeler ride to Paris

JOHN CONNOLLY



Today: What happened to Ferrari last weekend? Which Australians are driving an MGB GT the 13,700km from Peking through Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Poland to Paris. And why was our economics editor Adam Creighton at the FT? (But let's save that one for next week.)

These stories and more this morning in the most highly read motoring column under John Durie in the business section of The Weekend Australian.

First up Valtteri Viktor Bottas, 29, of Monte Carlo (aren't they all?) won last week's St Kitts Grand Prix by about three years from Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton MBE, 34, of Silverstone.

Another year behind was Max Verstappen, who is about three years old, followed by Seb Vettel, 31, and Chuck Leclerc, who is also about three. Both were five years

behind. So what happened to Hanco? Too much tyre squirt. No, I didn't make it up. He lost the corner off his floor and that meant too much airflow from the tyre and a lively rear end.

Anyway, Val is a lance corporal in the Finnish army and his mother is an undertaker (in private practice, not the army). He had a bad season last year — no wins — and some critics wondered out loud why Mercedes had signed him for 2019. This is probably why Val uttered the very formal response to them on his warm-down lap to whom it may concern, (naughty word) you.

Seb and Chuck could have said the same thing about their lack of speed. It looks like the cars were set up badly and lacked traction on the corners. Don't forget this happened to the Ferrari team last year and they came back strongly. Poor old Chuck not only was ordered to stay behind Seb — he was told to back off.

My favourite was former F1 ace Robert Kubica, who crashed in a rally in 2011 had his arm partially amputated and was back out on the track on the weekend. It's usually only motorbike racers who are this tough.

There's some tough rallies this year, including the May 8 to May



This MGB GT will race in the Peking to Paris rally

17 Shitbox Rally, travelling the 5150km from Perth to Sydney via Uluru and raising even more money for cancer. Then there's the Targa Tasmania, with 300 cars sedately driving for 2000km around the Apple Isle. As an aside, can I report that following our extraordinary result last year, Hyundai has entered Michael McMichael's dream car, the 130N, with factory World Rally Championship driver Brendan Reeves and his sister Rhianon Gelsomino behind the wheel? Rhianon has won just about every rally there where in the world and I have

emailed her to ask if she would give the old bloke a few tips before we get going in Lennie. Anyway, it just goes to show that the global auto industrial complex will do anything to stop the success of The Weekend Australian Rally Team's McMichael prepared 1998 BMW. Once again, we will be raising money for RAW (Rural Alive & Well) which does a great job helping people with mental health issues and focuses on suicide prevention. But the toughest of all is the 2019 Peking to Paris Rally. There are 120 cars, 17 Australians, 36

days of fun and Belgian architects Anton Giesseisen and Herman Gelin in a 112-year-old three-wheeled Contal Mototri. It would be fair to say the Contal Mototri motor company did not have a long history. In fact, I think it lasted two years and the highlight was being one of only five cars to enter the 1907 Peking Paris. It was the only car not to finish.

French persons Auguste Pons and Oscar Foucauld entered their factory sponsored 3KW Contal with great hopes of winning the rally and taking the Contal brand to great heights. Let me describe the motor tri to you. Imagine a normal bicycle at the back with two wheels at the front on either side of a motor with a dining room chair on top. The driver sits on a normal bike seat and the navigator sits comfortably in the dining chair. You can already see this may not have been Ponsy's or Contal's best idea.

Anyway, it's Sam on the 10th of June and Ponsy and Oscar are on the starting grid with the four other competitors. Eight days later the French duo had run out of juice and were lost in the Gobi desert. As Giesseisen tells it, they almost died of thirst, after drinking all the Mumm champagne left and all the water out of the radiator. They were rescued by Mongolian tribesmen on their horses and nursed back to health on camel milk and Coopers Best Extra Stout.

Hopefully, our Australian representatives won't have to drink too much camel milk this year. John and Marian Crighton will be in their very well named MGB GT, Gerry Crown and Matt Bryson have done plenty of Peking to Paris before in their Leyland P76 and Alan and Steve Maiden will be doing better than Ponsy and Oscar in a 1975 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud.

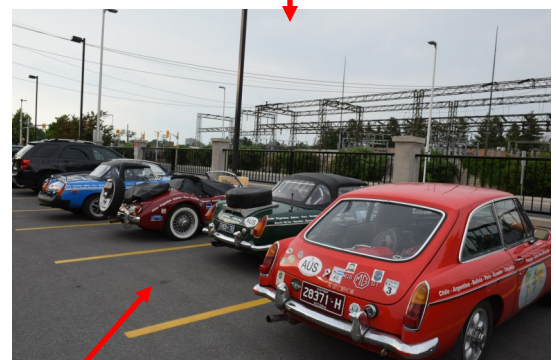
Talking of the Leyland P76, Peter North, the boss of Leyland who introduced the car, died this week. Peter was ex-Ford Canada, a world class engineer and wrongly maligned for the P76.

As the website P76 Anything But Average says: "It was an excellent and ingenious design. It was the most thoroughly Australian car, in concept and in content, ever offered to the Australian public."

Peter went on to found The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering at the University of Sydney. He deserves an important place in the history of the Australian motor industry.

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Looks like Aussies travel all over the world in their MGs



These Aussies came to Ottawa June 2016