



The Dashpot

October 2019



Club members often send me information about automotive topics and links to informative videos and stories. Here are a couple you might be interested in:

[Car Clubs Fuel The Automotive Industry](#)

[MG Classic Cars / Older Vintage Stuff](#)

September Meeting News: This meeting was held at the Heart & Crown Pub in Barrhaven. Special guests Gary & Wendy Croker, all the way from Australia (friends of Bill & Joy Curnoe) joined us for the meeting. They presented the club with a wonderful grill badge plaque of friendship from their home club... the MG Car Club Hunter Region (Australia). [[click here to see the plaque](#)]

Click on the links below to view pictures from....

NEXT MGeneration Event:

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

Hazeldean Mall British Invasion:

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

Merriville Classic European Car Show:

http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/index.php/nggallery/2019-photos/Merrickville-Classic-European-Car-Show-2019?page_id=4947

Looking Forward:

October 17

[Regular Monthly Meeting](#)

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[OMGC ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING](#)

November 24

[OMGC British Car Clubs
Trivia Challenge](#)

December 7

[OMGC Christmas Party](#)

This edition of the typical 1-page **Dashpot** is actually 5 pages. Math isn't my best subject, eh?!

What a wonderful **Fall Colour Run** we had on Saturday, October 5. A huge turn out, as always, for our last official drive of the season: Some came who couldn't come Sunday, some who would have come on Sunday couldn't come on Saturday, and some just turned up. It was on the cool side, so there was a 50/50 split between tops up and tops down – for those with tops down, it was noticeably chilly in the shadows and under trees. On arrival at Jordan and Sarah's, we found a variety of spicy chilies - just what we all needed to warm us up after a cool Fall drive - followed by assorted dessert squares and Real English Trifle! Making the call to move the event a day forward put extra pressure on Jordan and Sarah, but it was the right decision - we all delighted in the spectacular colours, lit up by bright sunshine against clear blue sky. Thank, you, Jordan and Sarah: for offering to host the event in the first place; for time spent scouting out some great roads (including a short length of gravel road in honor of Hugo Leech, one of our founder members); for preparing colourful route instructions - along with an intriguing test of MG Trivia - and a most delicious feast. special thank you to Sarah's daughter, Emilie, who kept an eye on things back at base, stirring the many pots of chili so that they didn't burn, and making sure that everything was ready for us when arrived. A great team effort! Click on the link below to view the pictures:

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

[Ottawa MG Club Members Cars at the Blackburn Community Fun-Fair](#)

[The OMGC Financial Statement for 3rd Quarter - 30 September. View it here!](#)

[Obsolete Automotive | Point Edward, Ontario IS OPEN ONCE AGAIN](#)

The next **Regular** Monthly Meeting of the Ottawa MG Club

is **Thursday, October 17** at **Dunns Famous Bank Street Deli**

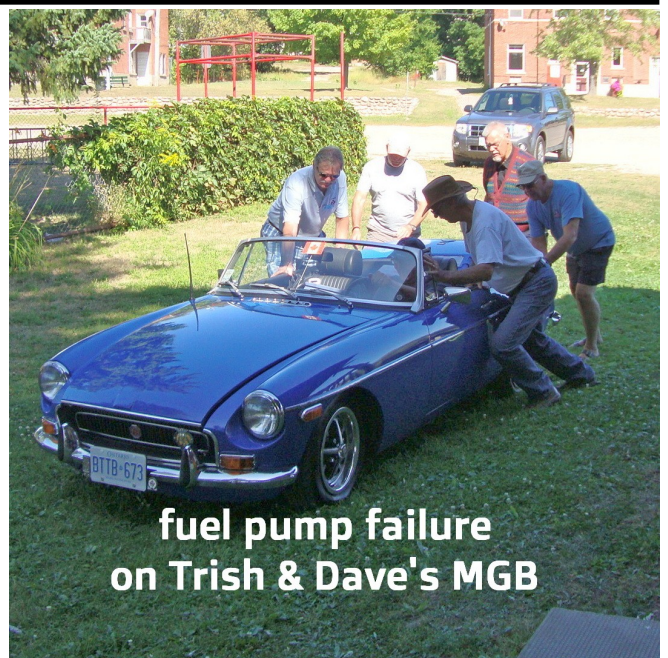
[Click here
to read some
"Lessons Learned
From The MGB
Clutch Replacement
Tech Session"
by Michael Cooke](#)



MG's on the grid after the MG/Triumph challenge at the VARAC Vintage GP in June. The GT in the middle is Bob Eagleson's of Ottawa and the OMGC, I believe. Mike Westland did the body work on this car after a shunt two years ago. Bob won the VARAC trophy for his class three years ago in this car. I have his former front springs on my B and his rear anti-sway bar on my C. As they say, racing improves the breed, or maybe it is more of a case that a fool and his money are quickly parted?
Mike Price



broken drive-shaft
on Jeff & Cheryl's MGB



fuel pump failure
on Trish & Dave's MGB

**Above Are Some Of The Incidents That Took Place During
The Overnight Event Formerly Known As The Ottawa Valley Jog**
[there are no pictures of somebody getting hopelessly lost and no
pictures of not following the accurate driving directions]



Surprisingly, Len & Deb's MGB did not run into any problems or difficulties. This fact became known to the folks at the British Car Council, who sent a dinky toy sized CAA Tow Truck to them as a reminder to them.... "even though there were no problems experienced, this gift will remind you just how bad things could have been"

All About Some Personal Experiences With MGB Tires by Pete Carss

While returning from Rockland to Orleans recently, doing about 80 or 90 kph, my left rear tire failed catastrophically, the tread separating from the carcass and wrapping around the axle, compressing the parking brake cable which locked both rear wheels, sending me into an abrupt 360 degree spin and headed toward a rather deep ditch. Fortunately the car stopped on the edge of the ditch, and avoided oncoming rush hour traffic. After collecting my wits and returning my heart from my throat to my chest, I got my spare on and extracted the car from the soft shoulder, driving the rest of the way home at a very moderate pace. (I suspect the spare is the original that came with the car!) The tires look great, lots of tread, but are obviously not safe. Long story short, our cars may be vintage, but our tires should not be! Safety Fast! Pete



Did you know: If you look at the sidewall of your tires you will notice numbers, letters and codes everywhere. These codes include the location, month and year your tire was manufactured.

Look for a four-digit code on the sidewall of your tire. The first two digits of the code tell you what week of the year the tire was made and the last two the year.

The tires in the picture were made in the 39th week of 2017 – so late September.

Keep in mind that rubber gets harder over time - even just sitting on a tire rack - due to things like the ozone in the air, exposure to sunshine, heat, etc. Tires have a 'Best Before' date and that lasts for 5 years after they are made. Keep that in mind when shopping for new ones. One day after the 5 years is up doesn't mean the tire is no longer able to be used, just that the harder rubber is prone to cracking, allowing moisture into the fabric material underneath the rubber protective coating. Also that the grip is very much reduced - even more critical in the colder weather. Even though there might still be lots of tread left, that tire is not able to do its job and that translates into reduced safety while driving.



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News Flash

4th Annual

Ottawa Classic Sportscar Show

- New Date:** Sunday, June 6th, 1993
The first major event of the season!
- New Location:** Richmond Fairgrounds
More space!
Indoor and outdoor trade stands
Larger outdoor club displays
All in one enclosed area!
- Sportscar Corral:** Free parking for all!
Show, shine & sale area
- Flea Market:** Unlimited outdoor market area!

Entry fee: \$2.50 per person (inc GST)
Free Parking



Club member Mike Price gave me a 1-page flyer he found in his stash of MG related stuff. The flyer is an announcement of an Ottawa Classic Sportscar Show - from way back in 1993. The event was operated by John Carr. John and his wife Evelyn joined the Ottawa MG Club in 1991. He published a very worthy magazine called Sporting Classics. The couple left the club and moved out to the Western parts of Canada in 1999. The pair were great club supporters via the Sports Car Flea Market events they operated through J&E Enterprises. John was working on a major project rebuild of an 1930ish MG K3. Not sure where they (or the car) are today.

Election of Executive Committee 2020-2021

As the Annual General Meeting looms on the horizon, it's time to start thinking about electing the next Executive Committee. The OMGC Succession Plan that came into effect at the AGM in November 2017 states that, technically, all members of the Executive retire at the AGM. Incumbent members can put their names forward for election for a further term. If other members put their names forward, and if more than one member puts their name forward for a vacant position, voting takes place by show of hands at the meeting. Making it clear members can stand against an incumbent as well as for a vacant position – although unlikely that anyone will, esp. for Treasurer, Membership, Webmaster. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, terms are for 2 years. Clarification as we have some 1 and some 2 year terms this time.

Here is the current status of the Executive Portfolios:

Treasurer – Trevor Whitehouse, second 2 year term

Membership Director – Catherine Blair, second 2 year term

Webmaster – Robert Giroux, final 1 year term to oversee the implementation of the new website.

Regalia Director – Julia Fortey, second 2 year term

Communications Director – vacant – Len has been on the Executive for many years, and will continue to actively support the Executive as a volunteer.

Technical Director – vacant

ABCD Representative – vacant – The person in this position will not be required to attend Executive Committee meetings.

Member At Large – Mike Turnbull is moving out of the immediate area and does not wish to stand for a second 2 year term
this portfolio is being deemed no longer required.

Unfortunately, Mike Westland will not be able to take on the role of President for 2020/2021 due to increased work responsibilities. The Executive Committee therefore agreed to a proposal that Trish Adams stay on as President for another year. This proposal will be presented at the AGM in November and your support will be requested.

The Vice President elected at the AGM in November 2019 will serve a 1 year term, and take over as President at the AGM in November 2020 for the usual 2 year term (2021/2022)

A new Vice President will be elected for a 2 year term (2021/2022) at the November 2020 AGM