



The Dashpot

February 2020

This month:

**Presidents Report, OMGC Valentines Review
OMGC Cars & Coffee, Membership Renewal**

Presidents Report

It was good to see so many members at the January meeting, especially as The Glen is out in the west end of our area, and the weather wasn't the best for travelling.

We already have three new members this year: Marlene Cullen in Ashton, Andrew Bain in Carp, and Fred and Beth McKay who live near Perth, and were at the meeting. A warm OMGC welcome to you all, and we look forward to meeting Marlene and Andrew in the not too distant future.

The list of events for the year was reviewed, noting that a few events were awaiting volunteer organizers. Our official Season Kick-off is now being combined with Drive Your MG, eh? Day, hosted by Len and Deb Fortin; Bob Corral has big plans for our Photo Op Day; and Joy Curnoe has offered to organize the Christmas Party. A big thank you to all who are organizing events for us. We're still looking for a volunteer to organize the Catriona Winch Next Generation Drive. Let me know if you're interested and I'll talk you through the concept.

Many of our members have fled the winter weather to soak up the sun in various parts of the world. Unfortunately for them, they will miss our meeting on February 20 at Co Brio, Carlingwood Mall, at which – if things go according to plan – the 30th Anniversary emblem will be revealed, along with the name of the designer. It will be the perfect finishing touch to our special anniversary calendar, which is just days away from going to print. Also at the February meeting, the British Car Council International "Long Distance Awards" will be presented, and one of our members will receive the 2019 British Car Council International "Order of British Car Enthusiasts" medal. Who will it be? You'll have to come and find out!

Looking forward to another good turnout – don't forget to let me know asap that you're coming, please and thank you.

Safety fast! Trish E-mail: tadams500@gmail.com Cell: 613 558 9007

Looking Forward

February 20

[Monthly Meeting](#)

March 19

[Monthly Meeting](#)

April 3

[Kimber Festival 2020](#)

April 16

[Monthly Meeting](#)

April 19

[Ancaster Flea Market](#)

New Event for 2020

OMGC Cars and Coffee:

Club member Bill Bradley has proposed a bi-weekly Wednesday morning cars and coffee event.

This would be in the style of an informal drop-in and chat, at different coffee shop locations announced the week prior. This is your chance to talk cars, socialize, kick tires, drink coffee, and solve world problems.

Watch for details on this event later this spring!



Next OMGC Monthly Meeting:

[Thursday, February 20th](#)

at

[Co Brie \(Carlingwood Shopping Ctr.\)](#)



NAMGAR
North American MGA Register



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Including MGC, MG Midget, 1100/1300 MG, and Modern MG

The OMGC Valentines Gathering Event 2020 - Len Fortin

The 7th annual OMGC Valentines Gathering event was conducted on Sunday, February 9th at the St. James Gate Pub on Bridge Street in Carleton Place. All of these annual events have been lead by by Deb and me, , and all quite successful, I might add.

The first event, in 2014 was at Louis' Steakhouse (a former monthly club meeting spot), where folks gathered to celebrate the whole Valentines theme... with cocktails, and games, and a meal, along with a bunch of chit-chat about any topic that came up. And each year, continuing the theme, the venue would change to another location for the sake of variety. The St. James Gate Pub location this year, was a bit of a squeeze to get the 20 participants into the place, but not a disappointment at all. Top notch service from the pub staff and a most wonderful menu selection demonstrated their attention paid to each and every one of us. [the St. James Irish Stew was superb!!].

The 'at-the-table' games changed through the years, and this year, with a word & phrase game called PAIRS (get the Valentines connection, eh!?), there were winners and losers. Winners were awarded prizes.... losers were encouraged to do some homework on the internet. Everyone got a nice 'take home' package with a special Valentines cookie, a Valentines candy, and a couple of those "Valentines Conversation Hearts", you know.... the ones that have a shelf life of five years; not 5 weeks, not five months, but five entire years. There aren't many foods that have comparable shelf lives, even ones packed with preservatives, so we don't even want to know what's in those chalky, pastel hearts..... but it can't be good for you, right?.

Overall, the event was all about Valentines and getting together, so the theme continues to live on.

Pictures at:

http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/index.php/nggallery/2020-photos/Valentines_Gathering_2020?page_id=4947

Membership Renewal

Membership director Catherine Blair has advised that club membership renewal will occur in early March. Current members will be able to renew at the discounted rate of \$35 if they do so before the end of May. After that time the cost is \$40. Catherine will be at the March meeting to accept cash or cheque for those not paying by PayPal. 2020 Calendars should be available at the March meeting for those who have paid.

The Final Word

AND FINALLY IF YOU'RE COMING TO THE MEETING ON THURSDAY AND HAVEN'T LET TRISH KNOW, PLEASE DO SO ASAP

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The annual meeting
of the Summer Tires Club.