



# The Dashpot

## June 2020

### This month:

**Presidents Report, John Twist Virtual Rolling Tech Session, Membership Renewals, Calling the Next Generation, Cars That Rock, Classic Top Gear MGB feature, Restomod MG TC, Lucas Humour**

### Looking Forward

All June Events have been cancelled.

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Hopefully we'll be back on the road shortly!

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### Presidents Report

Quite a lot of you will have received a copy of our special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar by special socially-distanced delivery – thanks to Sarah Arscott and Jordan Jones, Trevor Whitehouse, and Jonathan Adams, for taking care of deliveries in their areas. Lots of members have let me know that they were pleased to have their calendar, and to have a socially distanced chat, if they happened to see you. We will be mailing calendars to all the other members in good standing over the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Len for managing that task.

Covid 19 continues to wreak havoc on our world, with ongoing social isolation/distancing causing more events to be cancelled every day. The British Invasion in Stowe, VT is the latest event that I know of to bite the dust, but I'm still optimistic that we'll manage to salvage something of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The Zoom meeting with the Toronto Club and John Twist was very interesting and educational, and it was great to see so many OMGC faces. His final words of wisdom before signing off were: *It makes no difference how quickly your MG will accelerate if it cannot stop! The proper functioning of your brakes must ALWAYS be at the top of your list of priorities. You owe this degree of safety to yourself, your passenger, and all others on the road.* Ain't that the truth!

A couple of guys called Doug and Bob recently hopped on a rocket and blasted off to space. They are now enjoying a beer or two with the astronauts on the International Space Station, orbiting 400+kms above our Covid infected planet. Some people will do anything to get out of social distancing!

Stay safe, stay healthy, and keep believing that we will be on the road in our cars before too much longer.  
Trish

**Note that the June meeting has been cancelled due to COVID-19**

**Watch for a broadcast email on the next in-person event!**



**NAMGAR**  
North American MGA Register



**North American MGB Register**  
Including MGC, MG Midget, 1100/1300 MG, and Modern MG

## Virtual Tech Session with John Twist, aka Mr. MG, University Motors

On Tuesday evening, May 26, about 20 of our members enjoyed a special digital pub night as guests of the MG Car Club of Toronto (MGCCT). John Twist was the special guest speaker/presenter, and it was a very interesting couple of hours. He took lots of questions “from the floor” and offered advice on how to fix whatever the problem was.

If you missed it, or can't remember everything he said, you now have the opportunity to watch the presentation and learn about “How Your MG Speaks to you!” and other discussions – check out the link below.

**PLEASE NOTE AND RESPECT:** John Twist gave his permission for this video to be available for the exclusive use and enjoyment of members of the MGCC and OMGC – it is not for distribution to anyone else outside of our two Clubs. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdGW0Y0nj7M>

## Membership Renewals

If you haven't renewed yet, don't forget to do it soon, so we can send you that special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary souvenir calendar. Use PayPal or e-transfer to: [payments@omgc.info](mailto:payments@omgc.info), or send a cheque, payable to OMGC, to Trevor Whitehouse, 1604 Marcoux Drive, Orleans, ON, K1E 2K6

## Calling the Next Generation

Who would like a unique customized OMGC “Jacket”, suitable for a boy or girl aged 5 to 7 months?

This one is being modeled by Doug and Cathy McClure's grandson, and as you can see, it's an attractive gender-neutral colour. It was passed on to Doug and Cathy by Norm and Sue Peacey, who's own grandson had outgrown it.

Doug and Cathy would like it to remain in the Club, so if any member is interested in inheriting it for a younger family member in that age group, please contact Doug at:

[miatamcclure@hotmail.com](mailto:miatamcclure@hotmail.com)

tel: 613 444 0446



Future MG Fanatic?

## **Cars That Rock**

Here's a short clip from the Discovery show "Cars that Rock", hosted by Brian Johnson from AC/DC. This clip has a brief interview with Brian, and a quick look at the "Owd Speckled Un" - a unique MG car that became the inspiration for a beer!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRPPZb1Gdxw>

More details on the origin of the car (and the beer) are here:

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/articles/the-story-behind-the-brew/>

## **Classic Top Gear MGB feature**

Club member Doug McClure sent in this link from a classic Top Gear episode from 1992. This story features the MGB, and is a great watch!

<https://youtu.be/Mbi-K1zEGfU>

## **Restomod MG TC** - <https://driving.ca/>

Here's an article detailing the upgrades one owner has made to their MG TC to create a classic car capable of living with modern traffic:

[https://driving.ca/auto-news/news/on-the-road-a-radical-tc?utm\\_source=bm23](https://driving.ca/auto-news/news/on-the-road-a-radical-tc?utm_source=bm23)



**Dominic Crawley's modified 1948 MG TC**

The Scourge of Lucas - Michael Cooke

The Scourge of Lucas (To the tune of "The Sounds of Silence")

Hello darkness my old friend  
I've come to sit in you again  
Because a wire softly loosening  
Left its place while I was cruising  
And my vision, that was guided by its light  
Gave way to night  
Thanks to the Scourge of Lucas  
So many nights I've worked 'til dawn  
Trying to find out what went wrong  
'Neath the halo of a street lamp  
I've juggled wires 'til my fingers cramp  
And my arms are scarred from the bright sparks that split the air  
And singed my hair  
Thanks to the Scourge of Lucas  
And in the sparking light I saw  
10,000 MGs maybe more.  
Engines cranking without starting  
Switches clicking without switching  
People starting drives that ended in a tow  
And dreams laid low  
Thanks to the Scourge of Lucas.  
Fools say I do not know  
How to fix a dynamo  
Under the dash I can't quite reach you  
Despite my cursing that I'll teach you  
But my words, like burned-out lightbulbs fell  
Into the hell  
Of Lucas  
And the experts bowed and prayed  
To the manuals that they'd made  
And the manuals gave dire warning  
About the hazards of most everything  
But the words of those prophets gave not one single clue  
What I could do  
To end the Scourge of Lucas

