



# The Dashpot

## July 2020

### This month:

**Presidents Report, LED lamp conversion, Highlights from the Goodwood Newsletter, The Story of MG, Old #1, Canada Day Photos, Do you know this car?**

### Looking Forward

All scheduled July Events  
have been cancelled.

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Watch your email for  
updates!!

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### Presidents Report

So ..... here we are, well into summer, and although the Club is still officially grounded, some members are out and about in their MGs. With the relaxation of some of the rules, there's starting to be some interaction between members – socially distanced patio visits, picnics in parks, and so on – and I'm working on an idea for a Sunday lunch get-together on July 19. More about that will be broadcast once I've got all the logistics sorted out. In the meantime, hold the date if I've piqued your interest.

Thanks to those who submitted photos from Canada Day – I hope everyone found ways to celebrate Canada's birthday in these strange times.

The Paul Williams Memorial Drive Weekend on August 22/23 is still a "go", but otherwise, the list of cancelled events goes on:

July 11: All British Car Day  
July 16: OMGC meeting  
July 18: OMGC picnic at the home of Brian Swan and Sheila Silver  
July 31: Glengarry Highland Games British Car Show  
Aug 1: OMGC BBQ at the home of JP Lacroix and Diane Bonin  
Aug 9: Boot 'n' Bonnet Club's British Car Day  
Aug 20: OMGC meeting  
Sept 8: British Invasion, Hazeldean Mall  
Sept 11: British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont  
Sept 20: British Car Day, Bronte Creek  
**Sept 12: OMGC Catriona Winch Next Generation Drive – not yet cancelled**  
**Sept 17: OMGC meeting – not yet cancelled**  
**Sept 27: Merrickville European Classic Car Show – not yet cancelled**

Hope you all enjoy this edition of "The Dashpot" and thanks to our Editor, Dave Whitehead for putting it together. Don't forget, contributions are always welcome. Send to [davewhitehead0@gmail.com](mailto:davewhitehead0@gmail.com)

Stay well, "Safety fast!", and hope we can get together soon.  
Trish

**Note that the July 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

## LED lamp conversion information - Michael Cooke

For anyone who hasn't yet taken on the task of upgrading the various lights and lamps on your classic to LED based units, club member Michael Cooke has documented his journey and submitted it to the club website to assist other users. There is lots of well researched information here! Michael's links are below:

The **Phase 1** document on upgrading my 1973 MGB lamps concentrated on putting LED bulbs in interior and exterior lamps but not the headlamps.

[http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB\\_1973\\_Lamp\\_Upgrades\\_Phase\\_1\\_LEDs.pdf](http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB_1973_Lamp_Upgrades_Phase_1_LEDs.pdf)

The **Phase 2** document deals with upgrading the headlamps.

As part of the research on this I have been in regular and intense contact/tussles with Daniel Stern, an acknowledged guru on car lighting, known to most who reside on the MG Experience blog. We discussed the 'LED in headlamps' issue and he also critiqued the work I had done and reported on in Phase 1.

[http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB\\_1973\\_Lamp\\_Upgrades\\_Phase\\_2\\_Headlamps.pdf](http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB_1973_Lamp_Upgrades_Phase_2_Headlamps.pdf)

The **Phase 3** document provides some useful tidbits for you if you move toward installing LEDs in headlamps.

[http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB\\_1973\\_Lamp\\_Upgrades\\_Phase\\_3\\_LEDs\\_for\\_Headlamps.pdf](http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB_1973_Lamp_Upgrades_Phase_3_LEDs_for_Headlamps.pdf)

The **Phase 4** document discovers some anomalies in the wiring harness and associated remedial action.

[http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB\\_1973\\_Lamp\\_Upgrades\\_Phase\\_4\\_Wiring\\_Updates.pdf](http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MGB_1973_Lamp_Upgrades_Phase_4_Wiring_Updates.pdf)

## Highlights from the Goodwood Newsletter

The 5 best races that are no longer run:

[https://www.goodwood.com/grr/race/historic/2020/6/the-five-best-races-that-are-no-longer-run/?utm\\_source=The%20Goodwood%20Estate%20Company%20Ltd&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=11639797\\_MSI%20-%20PAS%20-%20Friday%20newsletter%20-%2026.06.2020&utm\\_content=Past%20races%20BUTTON&dm\\_i=1QLU,6XHBP,1W1LQI,RV33I,1](https://www.goodwood.com/grr/race/historic/2020/6/the-five-best-races-that-are-no-longer-run/?utm_source=The%20Goodwood%20Estate%20Company%20Ltd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11639797_MSI%20-%20PAS%20-%20Friday%20newsletter%20-%2026.06.2020&utm_content=Past%20races%20BUTTON&dm_i=1QLU,6XHBP,1W1LQI,RV33I,1)

Madcap motorsports (loved the Reliant Robin racing ..... hilarious!)

[https://www.goodwood.com/grr/race/modern/2020/6/madcap-motorsport-you-need-to-know-about/?utm\\_source=The%20Goodwood%20Estate%20Company%20Ltd&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=11639797\\_MSI%20-%20PAS%20-%20Friday%20newsletter%20-%2026.06.2020&utm\\_content=Mad%20MS%20BUTTON&dm\\_i=1QLU,6XHBP,1W1LQI,RV33I,1](https://www.goodwood.com/grr/race/modern/2020/6/madcap-motorsport-you-need-to-know-about/?utm_source=The%20Goodwood%20Estate%20Company%20Ltd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11639797_MSI%20-%20PAS%20-%20Friday%20newsletter%20-%2026.06.2020&utm_content=Mad%20MS%20BUTTON&dm_i=1QLU,6XHBP,1W1LQI,RV33I,1)

And a quiz .....

[https://www.goodwood.com/grr/road/news/2020/6/quiz-grr-driving-test-26th-june-2020/?utm\\_source=The%20Goodwood%20Estate%20Company%20Ltd&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=11639797\\_MSI%20-%20PAS%20-%20Friday%20newsletter%20-%2026.06.2020&utm\\_content=Quiz%20BUTTON&dm\\_i=1QLU,6XHBP,1W1LQI,RV33I,1](https://www.goodwood.com/grr/road/news/2020/6/quiz-grr-driving-test-26th-june-2020/?utm_source=The%20Goodwood%20Estate%20Company%20Ltd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11639797_MSI%20-%20PAS%20-%20Friday%20newsletter%20-%2026.06.2020&utm_content=Quiz%20BUTTON&dm_i=1QLU,6XHBP,1W1LQI,RV33I,1)

## The Story of MG

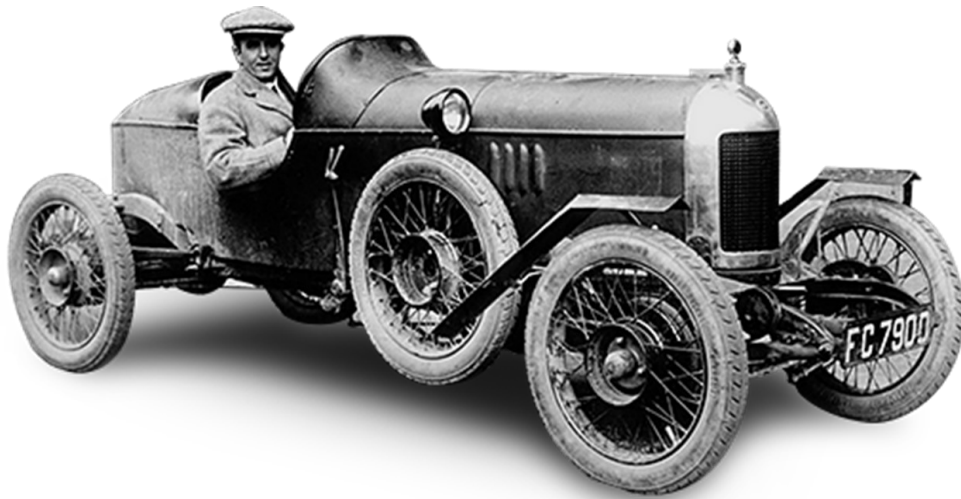
Here's a link to a documentary: The Story of MG - Britain's Biggest Little Car Company. Produced in the 1980's, this hour long production takes a look at the history of our favourite marque.

<https://silodrome.com/documentary-story-mg/?fbclid=IwAR3B9X72oif26mOYuVd7KXPeyCkU9beQ2xX90GVjM3diFICV64DF0whtOq0>

## Old Number One

The first MG built specifically for competition was based on a Morris Oxford chassis. It was fitted with a Hotchkiss 1548cc engine with pushrod-operated overhead valves, and a 3-speed gearbox.

It "did" over 80mph, won a gold medal in the 1925 Lands End Trial in the hands of Cecil Kimber, and fired the imagination and enthusiasm of all who had anything to do with it.



**"one Old Number One" and "one just old Mike Price"**



## Canada Day pictures



My “less is more” approach to celebrate Canada Day 2020; a couple of flags on each vehicle. The Kilmarnock Lockmaster graciously allowed me to park the MGs on the front lawn.



Len Fortin's MGs on display



Robert and Lynne Lloyd-Rees with their MG





Canada Day pictures



**Polly Blue, President's Wheels, Canada Day**



**Ron Charlene and Choie**



### Have you seen this car?

Does anyone in the Club own this car, or know it's owner? Although it was spotted in Rothwell Heights, it may not have "lived" there – it could have been visiting.

This enquiry came from Joanne Egan via our Facebook, and it would be nice to be able to help out. If this is your car, or you know who owns it, please e-mail me ([tadams500@gmail.com](mailto:tadams500@gmail.com)) and I'll put you in touch with Joanne.

Thanks,

Trish

*Hello everyone!*

*My 92-year-old father and I drove by this MG TD in Rothwell Heights in 2017. This is the exact model and colour that he owned in the early 1950s here in Ottawa. He was a member of the Ottawa Light Car Club in those days. My dad has been trapped inside his long-term care home for months. When the pandemic is over, we're hoping to have a little visit with this beauty, or one like it. I hope the owner might be a member of this group or, if not, that someone here might be able to point me in the right direction.*

*Many thanks!*

*Joanne Egane*



**Classic MG TD**