



The Dashpot

August 2020

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Future Club meetings and
all events are cancelled
until further notice

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This month:

Presidents Report, OMGC Ditty by Mike Price, The Great OMGC Scavenger Hunt, Video links from Trish, CAA benefits to OMGC members, Canadian part suppliers

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Presidents Report

Since the last edition of “The Dashpot”, some members have cautiously ventured out to three impromptu Covid-responsible get-togethers: a Coffee and Chat at Timmies on March Road, a lunch at the New Rideau Restaurant in Kemptville, and a scenic drive to Calabogie. By all accounts, those who participated were respectful of “the rules” and good times were had by all. It would be nice to have socially-distanced Coffee and Chats in other localities, so if you’re interested in hosting one, please go ahead and send details of where, when and timing to Dave Whitehead [davewhitehead0@gmail.com], who will send a broadcast.

I’m not going to list all the future events that are cancelled – I think we can assume that everything is cancelled – except the Paul Williams Memorial Run to Sterling Lodge in Newboro on August 22/23, organized by Terry Haines (thanks Terry!). However, if anyone hears of anything else interesting that is not cancelled, let Dave and me know so it can be broadcast or published in the next Dashpot.

The fact that we have so few events going on this year causes a bit of a problem – a minor one, in the grand scheme of things, but a problem nevertheless: Because we’re not driving around as much, there won’t be many photographs at the end of the year from which to select photographs for our 2021 calendar. Hands up if you liked our 30th Anniversary calendar all of you? OK that’s great! How many of you want to help us with photographs for our 2021 calendar all of you again! Wonderful – check out “The Great OMGC Scavenger Hunt”, and get your cameras out and your creative thinking caps on

Until we meet again, stay well, safety fast!
Trish



Copies of this edition of “The Dashpot”, along with copies of “The Dashpot” going back many years, can be found on the website: www.omgc.info / News and Events / Dashpot – and you’ll see that you can also check on Broadcasts that you might have missed, or need a reminder about.



Found something that would
interest other club members?
Send to [The Editor](#) for a future issue.



30 Years

(to the tune of 30 Days, by Chuck Berry)

YouTube music link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU_506KSI_s

Is it really 30 years
Since it all began
Since Jim and Hugo met and devised a plan
Of MGA's and MGB's
Square rigged T's
And MGC's
Is it really 30 years
Since it all began

30 years
30 years
Of runs and shows
Good friends and cheer
Of course we did consume some beer
So hoist a pint-
But not too near
Is it truly 30 years
Since it all began

Tytanek built the first V8
We drank at the Swan
But rarely ate
And Eric drove a cool TD
Doug's MGA was a TC
As always there were lots of B's
Is it really 30 years
Since they had a plan

Can it be 30 years
Since we had our start
Sometimes it takes that long
Just to find a part
Now apart by 6 feet
We must stand
Still members lend a helping hand
Doesn't seem like 30 years
Since we had our start

30 years
30 years
Hugo to Trish
And in between
So many folks have made the scene
One year we even asked the Queen
Is it only 30 years
Since it all began

So, 30 years since it all began
Hell it just happened
There was no plan
Like a good MG
It just ran and ran
Through millennium and century
Just something that was meant to be

So raise a toast to 30 more
There's that much in your engine bore
As for yourself and your navigator
Drive your MG now
Don't worry about later.



The Great OMGC Scavenger Hunt - Trish Adams

As some of you know, each year, Moss Motors runs the Moss Motoring Challenge, a photography contest that invites drivers to photograph themselves and their cars in approx. 140 situations/scenarios over the driving season – points are awarded for each photo, and prizes are awarded for those with the highest scores.

A couple of years ago, Club member, Julia Fortey, had the great idea of OMGC doing a scaled down version, but with everything else going on, it never got off the ground. This year would be an appropriate time to make Julia's idea come to life – and it would provide us with some "different" photos for our 2021 calendar, since we aren't out and about at our usual events this year.

Here's how it's going to work: You go out for a drive and take lots of photos of your car and yourself/travelling companion in various settings with a particular theme. You do not have to submit a photo for every theme, but you may only submit one photo per theme. Send your photos to Sarah Arscott [sarasoda04@gmail.com] by December 1st. There, how easy is that!!

Here are the 12 themes – each month of the 2021 calendar will feature photos from one theme.

Sunrise or sunset

Water view

Scenic beauty

Industrial or farm setting

At a Lock Station (there are 23 on the Rideau Canal, and one at Iroquois on the St. Lawrence Seaway)

Building or structure with interesting architecture

With an animal(s) or bird(s) – wild or domestic

With another classic vehicle (or future classic)

With a mode of transport that is not a car

A store or sign with a play on words

Next generation (kids/grandkids)

With something you created (e.g., your beautiful garden, a hand-made quilt, a piece of art – any medium, example below for inspiration.)



RARE PHOTO OF
MOTHER WRENCH
FEEDING HER
YOUNG

ABSOLUTELY
BREATHTAKING!

Drive safe, park carefully, and have fun!

Any questions, email tadams500@gmail.com or call me at 613 258 9008

Trish

PS: There may be prizes

Video links - Trish Adams

Club President Trish has found the following video links for your enjoyment:

The Golden Age of the British Sports Car

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzoolNs7sHQ>

Something to dream about for when we are free to travel the world again :

https://www.goodwood.com/grr/road/news/2020/8/four-road-trips-you-should-plan-now/?utm_source=The%20Goodwood%20Estate%20Company%20Ltd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11735220_MSI%20-%20PAS%20-%20Friday%20newsletter%20-%2007.08.2020&utm_content=Routes%20BUTTON&dm_i=1QLU,6ZIYC,1W1LQI,S514O,1

CAA—benefits to OMGC members

If you drive an MG, you really should consider CAA membership. The Roadside Assistance package on your new daily driver won't cover your MG, and however good your roadside diagnostic and repair skills are, it's possible that you'll need a get you home service at some time. The CAA provides that service, even if you're driving your "other" car, or a friend's car, or a rental car, or you are a passenger in any of those cars. Your CAA membership also gives you discounts in hundreds of hotels, restaurants and stores across Canada and the USA, as well as other benefits that you can read about here: <https://caaneo.ca/rewards/all-partners/>

Here's a note recently received from our Account Manager, Michael Browne: "As Ontario enters Stage 3 and we begin to see more and more businesses reopen, CAA has been working hard to partner with local business to add new Rewards Partners and bring more value to our members. We know travel over the next while will be difficult, so exploring our province is one opportunity that we at CAA wanted to aid in. Whether it's a trip to the golf course to get some time outside and away from the house, or savings on pool supplies so you can enjoy the summer while staying at home, hopefully some of these new partners will bring some added benefit to your members who are CAA members."



The CAA offers OMGC members significantly discounted rates:

CAA "Plus" Membership: \$104 / yr. Regular rate is \$139.

CAA "Plus" Assoc. Membership: \$81 / yr. (2nd card on same account). Regular rate is \$106.

CAA "Premier" Membership: \$127 / yr. Regular rate is \$179.

CAA "Premier" Assoc. Membership: \$104 / yr. (2nd card on same account). Regular rate is \$146.

[All prices are subject to HST]

Your local office will not have details of our corporate account, so to be recorded as an OMGC member and receive our rates, you need to contact our Account Manager, Michael Browne, and quote our corporate code:

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Tel: 613-820-1890 ext. 6297

Toll Free: 1-844-252-3648

Email: mbrowne@caaneo.on.ca

If you are already a CAA member, but not through OMGC, Michael can adjust your existing membership when you renew so that you benefit from our corporate rates. The above rates reflect the number of our members who are CAA members. Please help us to keep those numbers up so that we continue to qualify as a corporate account.

Canadian part suppliers - Ivan Wood

As a lot of us are using this summer to catch up on our classic car work, here is a list of some Canadian parts suppliers. These are not recommendations, but rather just a list of potential parts suppliers to be aware of:

Chris Hollum, Montreal Quebec - Imports most of his parts from UK and Europe.

Tel: 514 631 2111 or email christianhollum@bellnet.ca

Robert Pieces Autos Anglaises, Laval Quebec - A distributor for Moss Motors US and they charge the Moss price converted to \$C plus HST plus shipping and may be a small handling fee. They also import from companies like Rimmer Bros in the UK and service British Cars.

Tel: 450 687 6840, website: www.robertpieces.com

British Auto Sports Dundas Ontario - Also a Moss distributor and charges the US price x 1.6 which includes exchange rate shipping etc from the US. Does not include HST and shipping within Canada.

Tel: 1 888 485 2277 or 905 627 9995

Obsolete Auto Parts, Port Edward Ontario - Not sure if they are still operating but their website is still open with 40% off all items but most seem to be out of stock??

Tel: 519 337 3232 but no answer and voice mail is full.

Website: obsoleteauto.com

Peninsula Imports, Oakville, Ontario - Suppliers of British car parts.

Tel: 905 827 9407 or 1 800 999 1209 toll free order line.

website: peninsulabritishparts.com

Automotive Restorations, Augusta Ontario - Local company specializing in car interiors, carpets. sewing, weather stripping, etc.

Tel: 613 935 5863

Website: autorestorationsupply.com

This folder introduces the first of a new line—the M.G. Series MGA—and there could be no worthier successor to the M.G. heritage. The cumulative knowledge and experience gained by M.G. in building a long line of high performance sports cars is combined in this new model with traditional M.G. craftsmanship.

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TOMORROW ON ROAD AND TRACK



Wire wheels and white-wall tyres are available at additional cost.

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