



The Dashpot

February 2021

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Future Club meetings and
all events are cancelled
until further notice

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This month:

Presidents Report, New Parts Supplier,
BCCI Long Distance Awards, OMGC Valentines
Gathering, In MG History this Month, Past Presidents
Award

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Presidents Report

A big thank you to Trish Adams for her extended period of service as President of the OMGC. Please accept the Past President Plaque as a token of our appreciation (na, na, na, na, na I might have missed a couple of na,na's. I have one plaque already).

Upcoming news events of great importance to the club – my birthday is coming up the 21st of March which co-incidentally is the first **full** day of spring (what a co-incidence!!). Birthday cards encouraged remember the one with “Grassy ass” the Mexican phrase for thank you.

I am told that it is three weeks or so before we, as a country, move to Daylight Savings Time, more “YEAH” time. I would like to declare the upcoming OMGC driving season nearly open and confirm that at this time all activities planned for the OMGC are scheduled per dates described in the upcoming calendar (I may have to eat my words).

My advice to each member; Stay tuned for next month's DASHPOT

Pierre Ranger



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.



NAMGAR
North American MGA Register

Found something that would
interest other club members?

Send to The Editor for a future issue.



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

New Supplier Link

Peninsula Imports in Oakville has now been added to the links area of our website. They offer an online catalogue, and have been selling British car parts in Canada for over 35 years. You can reach them at:

<https://peninsulabritishparts.com/>

Peninsula Import Auto Parts Ltd.

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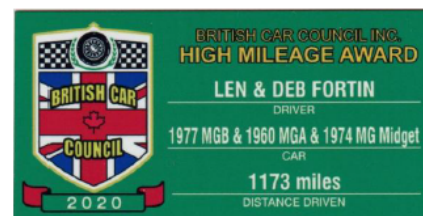
**STOP THE GOVERNMENT FROM TRACKING
YOUR CAR: REMOVE THE RFID CHIP FROM THE
FACTORY BY SNIPPING OFF THIS TUBE!**



BCCI Long Distance Awards

OMGC Recipients of British Car Council Annual Long Distance Awards for the 2020 Driving Season

ANTHONY EDGE	1977 MGB	5899 mi.	TERRY HAINES	1954 MG TF	1249 mi.
TODD & JENNIFER STEEVES	1978 MGB	3338 km	TRISH & DAVE ADAMS	1970 MGB	1385 mi.
BILL & LINDA BRADLEY	1976 MGB	1168 mi.	ADRIAN SAWYER	1969 MGC	1106 mi.
LEIGH NICHOLLS	1967 MGB	2088 mi.	PIERRE RANGER	1976 MGB	1353 mi.
BARRY & LYN WINCH	1977 MGB	2070 mi.	ANDY LONIE	1969 MGB	1391 mi.
JEFF JOHNSON	1980 MGB	4368 km	ANDY DESGROSEILLIERS	1978 MGB	2000 km
TIM DIETRICH	1970 MGB	2500 km	YVES GUENETTE	1979 MGB	1129 km
ROBERT Lloyd-Rees	1974 MGB	2260 mi.	BILL & ANDREA MACTAVISH	1970 MGB	3797 km
DAVE GRAHAM	1955 MG Magnette	1892 mi.	DOUG WARD	1957 Austin Healey 100-6	3619 mi.
JULIA FORTEY	1971 MGB GT & 1974 MGB	1160 mi.	MICHAEL & PATRICIA COOKE	1973 MGB	1150 mi.
GERRY & BARB NEVILLE	1972 MGB	2052 mi.	TIM MARTIN	1980 MGB	1 mi. * special circumstance
DALTON & CHRIS BEGIN	1973 MGB & 1965 Morris Minor	2074 mi.			
MIKE RENTON	1979 MGB & 1954 MG TF	1107 mi.			
GEOFFREY & HELGA DIX	1946 MG TC & 1967 MGB GT	1149 mi.			
BRIAN SWAN	1955 MG TF & 1973 MGB	1606 mi.			
MIKE & JULIE WESTLAND	1974 MGB & 1970 MGB GT & 1967 MGB-GT Special	6534 mi.			
LEN & DEB FORTIN	1977 MGB & 1960 MGA & 1974 MG Midget	1173 mi.			



[in terms of participation & distance travelled compared to MG Car Club Toronto..... OMGC: 28people with 53,944 total miles / MGCCT: 15people with 41,685 total miles]

The OMGC Valentines Gathering (Virtual) 2021 Was A Great Success

This Virtual Gathering suited the 'stay-at-home' guidelines, set by the Province, very well. Deb & I had a lot of fun setting it up - and even more fun as we 'watched' participants send in email replies to the five activities they were to accomplish on Saturday, Feb 13th. Participants didn't have the nitty-gritty details of the activities until 8am on the Saturday morning [only general instructions were provided when folks registered for the event]. When detailed instructions were broadcast, Deb & I waited for replies to come in – and in they came!

8 Valentine teams got busy, at home, to fulfill the Virtual Event requirements & reply email their responses:

- 1) take a photo while standing at the home front door holding a **Valentine Heart** shaped item
- 2) create a 10 word sentence; each letter of "**SWEETHEART**" as the 1st letter of each word in the sentence
- 3) solve a crossword puzzle to determine the **HIDDEN WORD**
- 4) select a **restaurant** and indicate which **menu item** you would have for a dinner meal with your Valentine
- 5) choose to create either a "**LIMERICK**" or a "**HAIKU**" on any topic of your choice

[if you don't remember what a Limerick or a Haiku is, now is time to look it up]

Replies had to be in by 6pm on Saturday, and once they had been received, the data was gathered into a single database and then published to the participants. All of the replies were treasures – the pictures; the sentences; the crosswords; the meal selections and most of all..... the Limericks and the Haikus.

For folks unable to participate, here is a small selection of the replies for your pleasure:

- 1) no photos being published in this report – just take my word for it, they all were great pics!!
- 2) **Susan Was Extremely Excited To Have Entered A Roman Tub**
- 3) The Hidden Word in the crossword puzzle was **Heartthrob**
- 4) "We would choose **Tomasso's Italian Grille in Trenton**. Their build your own **pizza menu** has plentiful and pal-ette pleasing choices (we choose basil, mango, brie) and they offer vintage wines by the bottle. They make it easy to support local. Their atmosphere, food and service make them a world contender."

5) some of the great **Haikus**

some of the great **Limericks**

Driving in our car Riding along in the sun MG life we love	There was a young woman from Ghent Who earned a lot less than she spent Repairing her "B",
frosty cold morning silverlace festooning trees staying warm inside	There was an MG in the shop Its rad let go with a pop When the mess was assessed

a lot of fun with this Virtual event.



Did you participate in the Virtual Tech Session with MG Guru John Twist on Thursday, January 21st? There were quite a number of OMGC folks along with lots of other MGers from the MG Car Club of Toronto and the Montreal MG Car Club. If you follow John on the University Motors Facebook site, you can get notifications for all his upcoming tech sessions.

<https://www.facebook.com/universitymotorsltd>

Wednesday 9th February 1927— 94 years ago

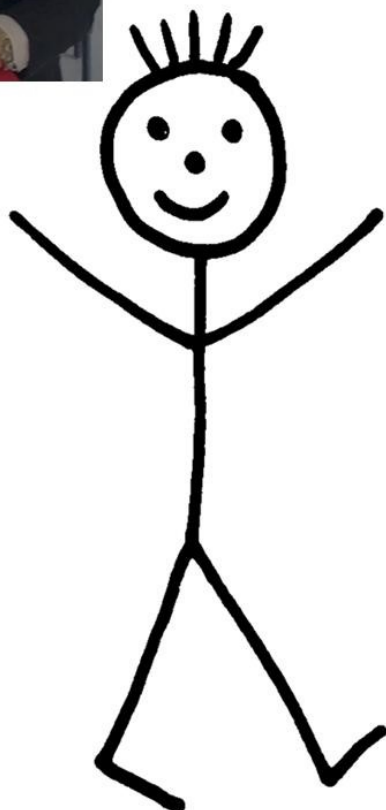
William Morris, using his own money purchased Wolseley Motors at auction for £730,000, possibly to stop General Motors who subsequently bought Vauxhall. Other bidders beside General Motors included the Austin Motor Company. Herbert Austin, Wolseley's founder, was said to have been very distressed that he was unable to buy it. Morris had bought an early taxicab, another Wolseley link with Morris was that his Morris Garages were Wolseley agents in Oxford. Morris had tried to produce a 6-cylinder car and not been successful. He still wanted his range to include a light six-cylinder car. Wolseley's 2-litre six-cylinder 16-45, their latest development of their postwar Fifteen, "made a deep impression on him". Morris incorporated a new company, Wolseley Motors (1927) Limited, he was later permitted to remove the (1927), and consolidated its production at the sprawling Ward End Works in Birmingham. In 1935, Wolseley became a subsidiary of Morris' own Morris Motor Company and the Wolseley models soon became based on Morris designs. It became part of the Nuffield Organisation along with Morris and Riley/Autovia in 1938. After the war, Morris and Wolseley production was consolidated at Cowley, and badge engineering took hold. The first post-war Wolseleys, the similar 4/50 and 6/80 models, were based on the Morris Oxford MO. Later, Wolseleys shared with MG and Riley common bodies and chassis, namely the 4/44 and 6/90, which were closely related to the MG Midget ZA/ZB and the Riley Pathfinder respectively. Other badge engineering exploits followed at BMC. In 1957 the Wolseley 1500 was based on the planned successor to the Morris Minor. The next year, the Wolseley 15/60 debuted the new mid-sized BMC saloon design penned by Pinin Farina. It was followed by similar vehicles from five marques within the year. The tiny Wolseley Hornet was based on the Mini but the bootied body style was shared with Riley as the Elf. Finally, a version of the Austin 1800 was launched in 1967 as the Wolseley 18/85. The Riley marque, long overlapping with Wolseley, was retired in 1969. Wolseley continued in diminished form with the Wolseley Six of 1972, a variant of the six-cylinder Austin 1800, the Austin 2200. It was finally killed off just three years later in favour of the short-lived Wolseley 18-22 series saloon, which was based on the Leyland Princess (also known as the 18-22 series) and never even given a clear name, being badged just "Wolseley", and sold only for seven months until that range was renamed as the Princess. Today, the Wolseley marque is owned by Nanjing Automobile Group bought as part of the assets of the MG Rover Group. Note that the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Company continued trading, and continues today as Wolseley plc.



Past Presidents Award



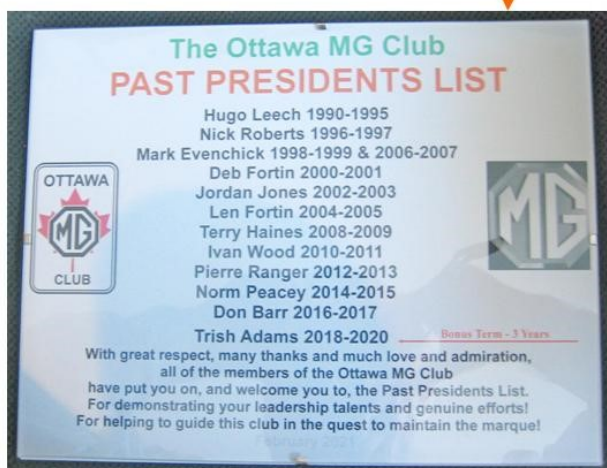
The Presentation Of The PAST PRESIDENTS LIST Award To Trish Adams For Service 2018-2020 *



Club President Pierre Ranger



Club Past President Trish Adams



The Up-To-Date Past Presidents List Award



A New Name Tag For Trish

[* a more formal presentation of this award
 will take place when the current COVID-19
 'stay-at-home-order' restrictions are lifted]